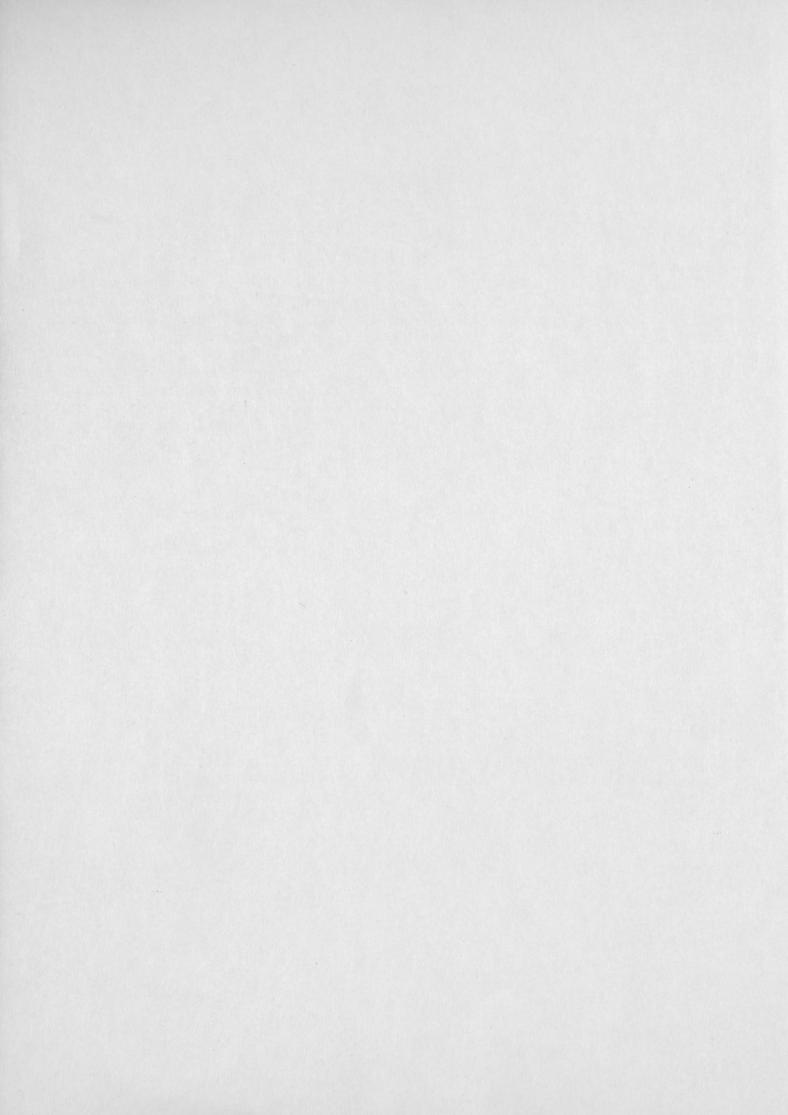




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#### DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the unsung heroines of the Alumnae who have worked untiringly, and with very little show of appreciation, for jobs well done. These works have not gone unnoticed, however, for when you read old year books and bulletins, you see signs of their contribution to Alumnae strength.

Memories of the grand girls who worked with us over the years are treasures we hoard. Many of the original members are still vitally interested, though great distances away, others still put a shoulder to the wheel. The spirit and hopes we leave with our younger members, we trust will sustain them when they need it, and spur them on to bigger and better memories.

Edith A. Henry (Randall '30)

E. Jean McIntyre (Moon '31)

## THE IDEA FOR THIS COVER

To mark twenty-five years of the Alumnae's existence and to embody the thought emphasized by Miss Sara Macdonald in her first letters to the Graduates, "TOGETHER is a most inspiring word; Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together spells success."

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#### HISTORY OF ALUMNAE ORGANIZATION

The Alumnae Association of the Calgary General Hospital School of Nursing came into being at an organizational meeting held in the Lecture Room of "A" Block in January, 1936, following a preliminary meeting called in December, 1935, by Miss S. Macdonald, Superintendent of Nurses.

The purposes of the proposed organization were outlined to the ninety odd nurses present. Amongst other information we learned that the graduates of our School numbered six hundred fourteen, and after a full discussion, it was decided to organize at once. The following officers were elected:

Hon. President

Hon. Vice President

Hon. Members

- Miss S. Macdonald

- Miss J. Connal

- Miss M. Moodie, Montreal

(first graduate of the School)

Miss J. Murphy (Supervisor, O.R.)

President - Mrs. R. G. Straker
lst Vice President - Miss A. Hebert
2nd Vice President - Mrs. Selby Walker
Recording Secretary - Miss E. Phelan
Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. H. B. Bradley

Archivist & Press

Representative - Miss M. Moodie Treasurer - Miss Mary Watt

Additional Executive

Members - Miss F. Harvey
Mrs. M. Caffrey

Mrs. C. Choate

Committee Conveners - Mrs. T. Minton, Membership

Mrs. I. Brodie, Ways and Means Mrs. S. Walker, Social and Programm.

Mrs. F. Driscoll, Refreshment Miss H. Whale, Sick and Visiting

Subsequent changes have meant the substitution of Mrs. H. Buckmaster for the Membership Committee, Mrs. T. L. O'Keefe for the Ways and Means, Mrs. M. Caffrey for the Recording Secretary, and Miss H. Paterson for the press.

A Committee was formed to draw up a Constitution and By-laws to be presented at the February meeting for adoption. A copy of this Constitution is sent to each member on first joining the Association. On reading this little booklet, you will learn how often we meet, where and the aims and objectives. We would like to have suggestions as to future policy from members at any time.

Of our six hundred fourteen graduates (which this year became six hundred forty-six with the graduation of the 1936 class) we have two hundred ninety paid-up members. We found addresses for all but fifty, and we hope to keep right on with our search for every graduate. Elsewhere you will find a list of those graduates we have not yet been able to locate. Will you please send us any help you can of addresses or information needed to make our records complete.

#### Dear Alumnae:

Responding to a call from one of our keen members for a message to mark the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of our Alumnae, I will set down a few memories of those early days. Before I do, may I warmly welcome the new Class of 1961. Such a large class too. In 1936 I welcomed thirty-two new grads, this year nearly three times as many. A warm welcome I am sure you will receive from your Alumnae Sisters. You join us in our 25th year and become the sixty-third class of the Calgary General Hospital.

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The organization meeting in January, 1936, was the result of a strong wish on the part of our Superintendent of Nurses at that time, Miss S. Macdonald, that an Alumnae be formed by the C. G. H. graduates. She, as a member of the Boston Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae, no doubt knew what value such an organization meant to a graduating nurse. Miss Macdonald asked me to write to various Hospitals in Canada for particulars of their Alumnae Associations and to get ideas and information together for organizing our own.

So that if you read the account in the first Year Book, you will read that our first meeting to organize was held January 8th, 1936, in the lecture room of the old "A" Block Nurses' Residence. (There will be some mixed memories for some of our members at the very mention of "A" Block). I hope that some of the grads present at the meeting have a better memory than I, but I do know that I found myself on the platform at Miss Macdonald's request to outline the information I had gathered as to constitutions, aims, purposes, etc., etc., and the same evening we were "born." I believe we started the Archives with what I called the "Doomsday Book" and in it should be recorded the members present on that night twenty-five years ago.

The Training School Staff, Miss Macdonald, Miss Connal, Miss Hebert, were all in attendance, and their initial support and loyalty to our cause never wavered all the time they were permitted to be with us.

Of those early formative years, I have many fleeting memories. The enthusiasm, cooperation, loyalty of so many, the marvellous response of the out-of-town grads (of whom I am now one). The work, and I mean WORK, carried out by Mrs. H. Buckmaster and her membership committee, is best understood when one realizes that at the time of organization, there were six hundred fourteen graduates, and that in only four months, to the time of our first banquet in May, 1936, they had contacted and found addresses for all but sixty to seventy nurses. That to me was outstanding. Read the tabulation on page six of the first Year Book.

Other names of those first years are recalled. Mary Watt as Treasurer, followed by the hard working Hammill; Paterson (of beloved memory) on the first Year Book compilation, as well as her many other talented activities; O'Keefe of the inexhaustible energy, and still going strong from all one reads of her current doings. There are many more. From somewhere I am prompted to name the gentle Miss Mott, who so loved to be picked up to attend the monthly meetings.

Do read again the accounts of the early doings in the 1936 - 39 Year Books, and especially the 1939 Ice Carnival account. Do your present day ticket sellers for money raising schemes need some enthusiasm? -- read that account. Some amusing memories return in connection with the Ice Frolics; the banner floating across 7th Avenue from the Bay to the Herald Building; a dialogue my husband and I conducted on the radio to advertise the event; plodding all over East Calgary one afternoon selling tickets at such diversified institutions as the Brewery and a convent of some sort!! climbing innumerable stairs of queer tenement buildings and being glad to get out on the street again!! Who was with me that day? Coles likely, but I am not sure.

Read and sing again the song printed on page 8 of the 1939 Year Book. I can recall the scene and it moves me with happy memories and a great gladness that the "togetherness" which Miss Macdonald stressed in her message in the 1937 Year Book still obtains in our Alumnae.

Looking at the Alumnae today, it would seem that the early members builded better than they knew. Twenty-five years have passed. "Tempis Fugit," indeed, but what matter so long as we strive to achieve worthwhile objectives and above all, remain true to the ideals and aims which prompted the formation of the ----

CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL ALUMNAE

Elizabeth Straker (Shirley '25) Port Washington, British Columbia

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The thirty-two girls of the 1936 graduating class were the first to be honored by the newly formed C. G. H. Alumnae, so we both celebrate together our 25th anniversary this May 26th, 1961.

Graduation exercises were held in the Central United Church and the reception afterward in the Auditorium on the fifth floor of the Hudson Bay Company. The Alumnae Banquet in their honor was held in the Alhambra Room in the new T. Eaton's Store, 4th Floor. Both these dining rooms have long since disappeared.

Graduation was traditionally carried through. Mayor Andrew Davidson and Miss Sara Macdonald, assisted by Miss Jessie A. Connal, presented the diplomas. Three awards were presented by the Hospital, a Gold Medal for General Proficiency to Miss Phyllis Boden; a Silver Medal for the graduate standing next in proficiency to Miss May C. McLeod; a \$200 scholarship for highest standing in theory went to Miss Margaret L. Shaw. The Florence Nightingale Pledge was repeated after Rev. E. Melville Aiken. Congratulations were extended by Mr. S. H. Adams, K. C., Chairman of the Hospitals Board, who referred to the first graduating class of one, Miss Marion Moodie, in 1898, and the six hundred forty-five girls who have graduated since. He read messages of congratulation from friends of the graduates, former graduates and from Hon. R. B. Bennett. He spoke also of the difficulties of the hospital and its need of support from the citizens. Dr. J. V. Follett gave to his address the title, "The Nurse in the Changing World." Though many changes have taken place in the past two generations, certain basic virtues remain unchanged. He urged them to hold fast to that which is good in God, in their fellowman and in their ownselves. A noble profession is entrusted to your keeping and in the words of our Governor General, Lord Tweedsmuir, "You are defending one of the key points of civilization."

Those who received their pins and diplomas tied with the school colors of red and gold were:

Isabella D. Auld Eleanore M. Clark Marianne J. Coney Grace M. Cumming Maxine M. Hyde Olive L. Jamieson Theresa E. E. Kotkas Bella MacKay Annie McLeod Stella M. Montgomery Margaret L. Shaw Ethel M. Smith Joyce M. Thornton Mable J. Thompson Margaret P. Walters Mary A. Warriner

Jean B. Anderson Phyllis Boden Mable V. Carlson Margaret B. Frew Isabel L. Gilbert Helen L. Hairsine May C. McLeod Eileen H. Newhouse Elsie P. Pearson Phyllis M. Rickard Margaret B. Robertson Annie M. Ross Constance K. Russell Mary V. Shaw Katherine M. White Annie L. Wolfe

The musical part of the graduation programme was presented by Miss Kathleen Tierney, Miss Mary Crozier, Mr. Peter Kirkpatrick and Mme. Beatrice Chapman.

May 8th, 1936, was the first Alumnae Banquet in honor of the graduating class an reunion of two hundred former graduates. Those who brought greetings from th head table were Miss L. Bibby, Toast to the Graduating Class; Mrs. Fred Scott Mrs. Oscar Moorehouse, Mrs. T. Perry told tales of the old days; Miss E. Phelan gave the Toast to the absent members; Miss E. McPhedran gave a discription of first training school days as told to her by Miss Moodie; Mrs. E. C. MacDonald gave a toast to the T. S. O. (now Nursing Office); two guest artists, Mrs. E. Higinbotham, a Toronto grad, rendered humorous vocal numbers; Miss Leona Flegal, elocutionist, gave those present an idea of what it was like to be "cliniced." Miss Hilda Paterson (Cunniffe) sang two numbers, one a poetical composition written by Miss Margaret Moodie (Munn), entitled, "Undaunted," and set to music by a Calgary musician, Mr. Clifford Higgin. A delightful evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS GIVEN AT THE BANQUET, MAY 8th, 1936

#### Fellow Graduates:

To you all, our guests and visitors, I extend the greetings with which I am charged by the members of the Alumnae. We welcome you most warmly and have great pleasure in your attendance with us on this happy occasion.

For this must be a very happy and momentous evening for the graduates of our Hospital in that it is the first time that the members of several classes have joined together for a function of this nature. Heretofore, separate classes have held dinners or reunions of some kind or other, but tonight marks the occasion of the first banquet to be given to a Graduating Class of the Calgary General Hospital by the members of their Hospital Alumnae. We who are so privileged to have the 1936 Class as our first guests, trust they are also happy to have the distinction of being the first class so honored.

We of former graduations completed our basic course and went out to find our bearings in various fields of work, feeling more or less a sense of loss and loneliness in thus being on our own. For you, the Class of 1936, we trust the ranks of the Alumnae, composed as it is of former graduates of your own Hospital, may mean a closing up of that time of broken links, by welcoming you into our association. We hope in the Alumnae you may find the tie to sustain your interest, to keep you in cooperation and unity with your school, and to companion you as we all engage in further activities of mutual benefit to nurses and nursing. We need you with your fresh enthusiasm and recent preparation to keep us up to the mark, and perhaps you need us to round out your student days with the background of our experience.

The Alumnae of our Hospital has only had four months of life so far, but it is a lusty infant and we find that we are now past the two hundred mark in membership. This represents about one third of the total number of our graduates. The response to the invitation put out by our young organization has been very enthusiastic and especially so from those who live away from Calgary, proving as it does, the real need for the Alumnae for keeping in touch with our nurses. Every letter that comes in shows such a hunger for news of former classmates and hospital doings. Evidently, once a nurse, always a nurse, and the friendships and associations formed during three years of training constitutes too strong a bond to be lightly forgotten.

Six Hundred Fourteen graduates from the year 1898, plus thirty-two more of the year 1936 gives us six hundred forty-six in all. Surely if only five hundred of these can be contacted, we should be inspired to bring about some really worthwhile objectives.

We do indeed welcome you to the ranks of the graduate nurses and to the fellowship of the Alumnae. In token of this welcome you will each find beside your place a copy of our constitution and by-laws. These we give to you because for the balance of 1936 we wish you to feel that you are our guest members in the Alumnae with full right and title to attend meetings, take part in the discussions and vote.

May I close by saying that some of the members of our Alumnae here tonight, older than others in their experience of life, can look around and see many who have set out upon the seas of matrimony. Family interests claim their attention and their care. Some of them are enjoying smooth passage, others are encountering stormy weather but are meeting difficulties like good sailors. To all these we give the benediction of Pat Terry, who covers the water-front from Vancouver on the radio -- "Fair weather, fine sailing, and safe to port at voyage end."

As to those who continue in active practice of their profession, we can picture them as a uniformed host occupying a flight of stairs. Some are very near the top, occupying as they do important positions in all fields of nursing work. We are proud of those who have thus ascended. We are hopeful for those who are making their patient way upwards. We extend cheer and encouragement to those who are commencing at the bottom of the steps, amongst whom are our guests tonight, and to you all we say, "HAPPY CLIMBING."

Mrs. R. G. Straker (E. Shirley '25)

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#### SHADES OF THE PAST

or

#### NOTES FROM THE MINUTES

These notes are chosen to give you a brief outline of the year by year workings of the Alumnae and the thinking and ideas of the members.

## February, 1936

The first idea put forth for raising money was a raffle with the first prize to be a trip to Alaska or the equivalent in cash. For some strange reason the idea died aborning. I gather the idea was thought to be undignified and not in keeping. Why do minutes never give the low down on what happens behind the scenes, but possibly if they did, it might burn holes in the paper.

Did you know that Eatons used to have a lovely dining room called the Alhambra Room? We had our first banquet there. The cost per plate was \$.75!! and we didn't have sandwiches and coffee either. In fact the menu appears about the same as we have now at banquets.

What happened to the idea of presenting a brief item at each meeting called "Facts About Nursing?" Sounds interesting.

## August, 1936

A tea was held in honor of Miss Marion Moodie at the home of Miss Gertrude Ackland.

We started meeting in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Remember it? -- down under the Grand Theatre.

I seem to have missed 1937.

## March, 1938

The banquet committee was voted \$10.00 for incidental expenses. Big deal!

## April, 1938

Lillian Bibby gave a demonstration on how to prepare for a maternity case in the home.

## March, 1939

We were really big time, we voted \$5.00 for royalties for a play the members were to give at a banquet.

Ponoka affiliates were made associate members of the Alumnae without fees. They had no voting power or hospital benefits.

## April, 1939

Money to be spent on flowers for sick members not to exceed \$.75.

The speaker of the evening was Archdeacon Swanson (The Autobiography of a Tramp) an account of his experiences in Alaska. Must have been a treat as you can imagine if you have ever heard the gentleman speak.

## May, 1939

The Annual Banquet in the Renfrew Club with two hundred thirty-four present. What was the name of the Play? Surely someone will remember. I know Mary MacLear was one of the stars. The newer graduates have missed much by not having known Mary. She was willing, able and possessed a devastating sense of humor.

#### June, 1939

Mrs. Straker reported three hundred ninety-eight members in good standing.

Financial statement for June, 1939, shows one item of interest on the debit side -- Banquet tips (fifteen waiters), \$3.75.

#### September, 1939

They talked about increasing the fees from \$1.00 to \$1.50

## October, 1939

The student nurses were guests at the general meeting.

## November, 1939

Dr. Clara Christie taught a first aid class of members. I can't find out how many took the class which was held in the auditorium of the Gas Company.

## January, 1940

The Alumnae organized a committee to do Red Cross work at the City Hall. Surgical dressings were the order of the day after they got started. The tongues flew faster than the fingers, everyone seemed to have fun.

## March, 1940

After four years of travelling all over the city to members' homes for our executive meetings we were invited to hold the meetings in the Calgary Associate Clinic. They had been very generous over the years.

Mrs. Driscoll was appointed Welfare Representative to assist any needy members.

May, 1940

Our first banquet at the Palliser saw two hundred sixty-one in attendance.

## June, 1940

Flowers were sent to Dr. Dean and Dr. Neil Christie who were in the hospital.

The Alumnae formed a Cancer Society Unit earlier in the year. They reported \$35 for memberships.

#### October, 1940

Maurice Brown gave an outline of the formation of the Community Chest. The objective that year was \$165,000.00

#### October, 1940

Carnival prices were set at \$.35, \$.50 and \$1.00 (depression years, you know).

Dr. Pilcher showed colored pictures of the Columbia Icefields.

## November, 1940

A contest for the naming of the year book resulted in the choice of "Alumnae Life."

## January, 1941

The general meeting was held in Mrs. Widdis Health Centre, Balmoral Hotel.

The secretary reported an average of one hundred eleven members in attendance at meetings during the past year.

The members voted unanimously to send the following resolution to the hospital board.

"At the annual general meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Calgary General Hospital, held January 13th 1941, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS the Calgary General Hospital has only a second class rating according to the standards of the American College of Surgeons, and

WHEREAS the graduates of the Hospital having received a very high standard of training find that the rating given their training school is at times a disadvantage to them when applying for positions, and

WHEREAS the hospital rating is frequently brought to the attention of the members of the Alumnae Association when making our annual appeal for funds, and

## January, 1941 CONT'D

WHEREAS the members of the Alumnae Association have at heart the best interests of the hospital and appreciate to the full the difficulties of the situation ----

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we respectfully urge the Hospitals Board to make further efforts to achieve the highest rating possible for the Hospital and offer our full cooperation."

Miss Murphy expressed her thanks for the gift presented to her on retirement.

Members serving overseas and those suffering from long illness were to be retained as active members at no cost to them.

## February, 1941

We decided to continue meeting in the Knights of Columbus Hall if they would clean up the kitchen.

Mrs. Straker reported the maternity nursery was being modernized in preparation for the new bassinets we bought. The X-ray waiting room was being remodelled before our new furniture was installed.

EDITORIAL NOTE: In following the minutes, it is clearly shown that our interest and donations stimulated the Hospitals Board to initiate much needed improvements.

We decided to have an open meeting in April. Each member was privileged to bring a friend and the Holy Cross Alumnae were invited to be our guests.

Mrs. Ellis asked for donations for refreshments to be used at the Red Triangle "Hostess Club." (During the war years, service men were entertained at the old "Y". The hostesses were womens groups who took on the responsibility for a week at a time).

Mrs. M. G. Dover gave an interesting talk of life in Ceylon.

## March, 1941

A surgical kit was to be awarded at graduation to the student nurse standing highest in general proficiency and surgery. The award was won by Helen Clarke.

We had \$95 left from the money voted for the bassinets and we decided to buy one which was heated. As usual more money had to be added.

## June, 1941

We raffled a silver teapot donated to Mrs. Thomas by Mrs. Naylor. Miss Connal was the winner.

#### June, 1941 CONTINUED

Twin travelling bags were presented to Miss Sarah Macdonald as a retirement gift from the Alumnae.

## September, 1941

Mrs. Fish gave a reading, "The White Cliffs of Dover."

Do you remember the rummage sale for the Bombed Nurses! Fund? We made \$90.16. As I remember it, the work was hard but we all had fun. While we set up the day before we bought each others cast offs at such a rate that we thought there would be nothing left for the official day!

#### November, 1941

Dr. Hughes was to receive a letter thanking the Medical Staff for their effort in getting the A-l standing for the hospital.

Dr. Melling gave us an all too short story of his life in the Arctic and friendship with the Eskimos. He also showed his magnificent collection of carvings and Eskimo Handicraft.

#### December, 1941

We note on the bottom of every account of the meetings that delicious refreshments were served. We must have been living high because the executive decided that only sandwiches or cake, not both, should be served at the meetings.

One hundred fifty-six members received hospital benefits, amounting to \$3,513 as a result of our hospitalization scheme.

## February, 1942

The Alberta Association of Registered Nurses reported that nurses in Alberta had contributed \$2,028 to the Bombed Nurses' Fund. Of that amount our Alumnae gave \$825.

## April, 1942

Dr. D. MacLaughlin gave an interesting talk on nursing overseas in World War I.

Miss Connor spoke on the newly formed registry.

## May, 1942

A Vesper Service was held on May 10th throughout Canada. All nurses were asked to attend this Re-dedication.

#### June, 1942

Mrs. Warrington read an article from the "Canadian Nurse" telling of the help given to the Bombed Nurses and their appreciation of the Fund. Reports came from England, Hong Kong and Singapore

We decided to do without refreshments at the meetings. What a joke that turned out to be. Attendance fell off, and eventually we went back to eating.

## December, 1942

The meeting was shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Miss Macdonald.

The Alumnae was entertained by the Holy Cross Alumnae.

During the year we gave all assistance possible in getting the bylaw passed for the building of the Perley Wing and "D" Block.

It was decided to hold our money for equipment for the new wing.

## January, 1943

The idea of the eight hour day for Private Duty Nurses was discussed.

It was reported that flowers were sent to the funeral of Mary MacLear.

The proposal was brought forward that our War Fund be used for Russian Relief or the Merchant Marine. (How times have changed)?

## April, 1943

A letter was sent to the Hospitals Board asking them to call the new residence Sara Macdonald Hall.

## December, 1943

Our general meeting was held in the new residence, after the meeting we went on a tour of the new building.

Spring of 1943. Our Alumnae and the Holy Cross Alumnae met at the Palliser to hear a lecture on that very new drug, SULFA.

## February, 1944

Food must be the way to a woman's heart too. We decided that food and talk after the meeting was needed to get more members out. Coffee and cake or cookies or doughnuts were to be served and each member present was to put five cents in the pot. The question of food recurs through the minutes on numerous occasions over the years.

## November, 1944

We decided to hang an Honor Roll in the hospital showing the names of members who were serving overseas and also those who served in the First World War.

#### December, 1944

A small gift was presented to Muriel MacLean for her many kindnesses to us. Her piano playing had helped us over many a spot and has added much to the enjoyment of our programs.

#### March, 1945

We must have been looking for work. Someone wanted to start a Canteen at the Hospital. (Isn't it wonderful that idea never got off the ground). The idea finally had to be abandoned because it was only fair that the Blind Institute should have the privilege.

## April, 1945

It is not clear where Ella Foerstel was at this time (prisoner of war, I think) but parcels sent to her could not exceed one ounce and Mrs. Valentine understood the American Red Cross were getting parcels through. The June minutes reported her attendance at the meeting. Her prisoner of war period had left its mark and those who saw her on her last visit had difficulty realizing she was the same girl. She gave us a very interesting account of her internment and release by the American Red Cross.

## June, 1945

Nursing Sisters Bibby, Gifford and Mitchell home from the wars but confined to Belcher Hospital.

## September, 1945

Had several meetings with the student nurses and made every effort to assist them to obtain better working conditions.

## October, 1945

Dr. Stanley attended the meeting and asked for our support in getting the bylaw passed in getting a new hospital.

The Business and Professional Women sent us a letter stating that they were requesting City Council to appoint two women to the Hospitals Board and asked our help and to suggest names. We voted to send a letter of our own and ask for an Alumnae Representative on the Board (We did not realize at that time that a specific group could not have official representation). Later the City Council sent a letter requesting a list of names of our members, one of whom they were to consider as a Hospital Board member. The names

### October, 1945 CONT'D

nominated by the meeting were, Mrs. Gladys MacPherson, Miss Mary Watt, Miss Margaret Carpenter and Mrs. T. L. O'Keefe. The choice was to be in the hands of City Council. Mrs. O'Keefe suggested that should one of our members be chosen we should have a special committee to consolidate any suggestions we wish to present to the Board.

#### December, 1945

Dr. Palmer gave us a donation of \$2 which was given to the Sick Visiting Committee.

## January, 1946

The Alumnae endorsed a petition asking that the new hospital be built west of Centre Street, later we endorsed the Lougheed site.

Mrs. Hall, our president, was chosen as a delegate to act on the Committee working for a University for Calgary.

Jays Ambulance offered members ambulance rates at half price. The rival company protested us accepting such an offer.

## April, 1946

Plans were made to initiate the idea of the Big Sister - Little Sister idea at the Banquet.

The Hospitals Board planned to move chronic patients to the West Wing at Isolation, and asked for three grads for the positions of supervisors.

## September, 1946

Plans were afoot to have each member pay \$2 extra if she wished to have hospital benefits. Response seemed to be good. The money raised was to take the place of Carnival receipts.

The dance at Penley's was shaping up for October.

Parcels were sent to a Yugoslavian Nurse in a T. B. San in Switzerland.

## 1947

The Gas Company was most kind and we were still meeting there every month.

## December, 1947

We decided to give full support to getting the bylaw passed for a new Hospital.

#### January, 1948

Plans were laid for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Training School.

Miss Moodie, our first graduate, was made a life member.

We received a report from our grads in Lethbridge that they held regular monthly meetings.

#### November, 1948

Finances were in a spot and after lengthy discussion and surveys the fees were raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

## January, 1949

Another look was taken at our Hospitalization Plan and we finally arrived at the plan of having a 25% reduction instead of 40%, this to cover a thirty day period only. Coverage was for room rates, medical and surgical charges in fact everything but special nurses, meals and telephone calls.

## February, 1949

We held our meeting at the Blood Donor Clinic, if I remember rightly, there were one hundred twenty-one present.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding changing the hospital pin.

## January, 1950

Things are looking up -- we had money left over in the Hospital Benefit Fund.

Discussions started which eventually gave the members greater coverage.

The Sick Visiting Committee was busy and thoughtful. Members who suffered lengthy illness were kept in good standing and our grads living in Britain were kept on the books. They were unable to send their dues because of restrictions in sending money out of Britain.

Our grads in Edmonton started a branch Alumnae and later in the year Vancouver followed suit.

An electric clock was presented to Miss Hebert on her retirement.

## 1951

Seemed very routine.

## February, 1952

Due to the death of King George VI, our meeting was cancelled.

October, 1952

Miss Gertrude Hall attended her first Alumnae Meeting.

November, 1952

Dr. Bradley spoke to the Alumnae for the first time.

December, 1952

We had a private tour of the New Hospital.

The reports for 1952 show someone got a parking ticket while working on a Tea.

Our Alumnae seems well represented in the Mission Field, there were nine reported in 1952.

1953

Gifts to the students that year included Bridge, Canasta, Cribbage Sets and card tables for each block.

Every year's report shows many gifts being given to the student nurses; for example, in February, a zipper -foot and button -holer were given to go with the new sewing machine we had bought for them. In May we gave them coffee pots and deck chairs. About the same time we gave them a piano and a large mirror, sheet music for the choir and Christmas decorations for the Blue Room appear in the November minutes.

The Vancouver Alumnae sent flowers for our Banquet in the spring.

The Tea and Bazaar seem to be gaining more attention.

Talk of a new nurses' residence and we were asked to promote the idea.

September, 1953

We were invited to see the new "Blue Room."

January, 1954

Held our first meeting in the Sky Room.

The Alumnae held lengthy discussions on Dr. Bradley's idea of a Medical Exposition, sounds like plenty work but could have been a real money maker and certainly different. This was to be similar to a "Boat Show," only all exhibits and booths were to cover some aspect of Health Services and Medicine, even a running blood donor clinic.

March, 1954

The Mitten Tea idea was mentioned.

## April, 1954

Miss Hall invited our Alumnae to a "Home Coming" on the day of the banquet. Luncheon and tours of the new hospital, etc., etc., and a chance for old friends from all over to get together.

The idea of a Bursary instead of a gift at Graduation was brought forward by Miss Hall.

#### March, 1955

The first supper meeting was arranged.

## April, 1955

For years the minutes show discussion about a memorial for Miss Connal.. Nothing definite was arrived at until Mrs. E. C. MacDonald suggested that we adopt the Chapel in the new residence as a memorial to all those we wished to remember including Miss Connall. The idea was adopted. A committee was later formed consisting of Mrs. MacDonald, the President, as Chairman and the members to be all the Past Presidents.

Flowers were sent to Miss Moodie, our first graduate, on her eighty-ninth birthday.

## 1956

We were celebrating our 20th Anniversary.

## May, 1956

The Chapel was dedicated.

Birth announcements seemed to be selling well.

The beautiful new residence was opened. We assisted in serving refreshments.

Vonnie retired. We decided to present a Bible and handbag to her in appreciation for her years of service to the Hospital and Alumnae.

## November, 1956

Christmas ideas on the move. Mrs. Frazer showed us how to make a monkey. Executive granted membership committee permission to buy a stapler.

The idea of reinstating all members for the current fee of \$2.00 was adopted as a 20th Anniversary gesture. Seems to have paid off with one hundred twenty-seven members having returned to the fold.

## 1957

The members were asked to give shoes to be sent to the Korean nurses.

## March, 1957

Pot Luck Supper before the meeting. Sounds good!

## May, 1957

The unveiling and dedication of the stained glass window in the Chapel took place May 12th.

The Banquet was held in the residence for the first time.

The Chapel committee is to remain active with immediate Past President to be Chairman and Past Presidents to be members of the committee. (We are getting lazy lately).

Mrs. Munn presented to the Alumnae the certificate and pin belonging to the late Miss Moodie.

#### December, 1958

We sent flowers to Miss Whale on her 80th birthday.

## April, 1959

It was announced bricks from the old hospital could be purchased for one and one half cents each. All general meetings for 1959 were in the Blue Room.

## February, 1960

The members decided to adopt a refugee girl child.

Members are helping supervise swim classes for the handicapped being held at the "Y" under the auspices of the Red Cross.

## April, 1960

How everyone will miss Hilda Cunniffe it is surprising how many times her name has appeared in the minutes over the years as having entertained us.

## May, 1960

The Banquet pushed the walls of the auditorium out with five hundred six people present.

## November, 1960

One minutes silence in memory of Miss Gertrude Hall who passed away the night of Graduation. Dr. Howard Wright spoke to the meeting on the idea of a memorial to Miss Hall. The meeting voted \$100 to the fund.

#### January, 1961

It was twenty-five years ago that we had our first meeting. Many of the charter members are still very active in our Alumnae and have never lost interest in their School of Nursing. It has been a common meeting ground for "The Young at Heart."

We have now outgrown the Residence Auditorium and the 1961 Banquet was held in the Provincial Auditorium on May 26th, 1961, with ninety-two girls graduating.

It has been a busy twenty-five years and I hope these notes from the minute will bring back memories. There is so much the minutes don't tell but each and everyone of you will be reminded of them.

My very sincere wish for you is, "Good Luck and Happy Associations for the next Twenty-Five Years."



Gertrude E. O'Keefe (Barrett '24)

This picture was taken early one summer morning as the day staff came on duty, and shows the nurses in the School in 1930.

Those on night duty were not shown but would not number more than forty in all.



Lounge, "A" Block



Demonstration Room, "B" Block



Staff from the Old Calgary General Hospital, 12th Avenue







## NOTES FROM MEMORIES OF MRS. SCOTT (ESSERY '08)

as told to Miss Georgina Thomson and Mary Watt in 1961

When she went in training in 1905, the Maternity Hospital, to the left of the main building (we called the Diphtheria Block in 1929) and behind the nurses' home, was newly built and considered to be the last word in modernity, while the main building built in 1894 was lacking in modern conveniences. Miss MacArther, a strict but excellent nurse, was in charge and nurses' training was good.

Old Sing, their Chinese cook, had a long pigtail he wore wound 'round his head. He thought he ran the hospital! When the girls wanted to tease him, they would come up behind him and give the pigtail a tweak and down it would come, hanging almost to his feet. But he was a good cook and help about the place.

Mrs. Scott says, "When she went through as a visitor in Rundle Lodge (home for Senior Citizens), she would remember various patients in those rooms where she trained. Dr. MacKid, father of our own Dr. L. S. MacKid, was a wonderful surgeon; Dr. Sanson, tops in maternity."

Pictured here are some of the classmates of Miss Agnes Wilhelmine Thomson (known as Minnie), who entered as a trainee in 1905, and would have graduated with the Class of 1908. However, she became Mrs. William C. Mayer instead. After her death in 1960, her sister, Georgina H. Thomson (we remember as one of Calgary's best loved Librarians at the City Library) gave us these snaps taken in 1907. Mrs. W. I. Linton (C. Thomson '17) is a sister also, and has been an active member of the Alumnae since its beginning. Two classmates, one Miss May Wilson (1908), and Mrs. Fred Scott (Essery '08), who attended the 1960 banquet, is living in Calgary in a nursing home. She is still as bright and chipper as ever, but sight failing a bit. With the help of a magnifying glass, she was able to identify the persons in the pictures.

The interesting lady in the dark blue uniform is Miss Mary Dangerfield, known as the "Lady Superintendent." She was a graduate of one of the hospitals founded by Florence Nightingale, and came here from England. Her cap (barely visible in the picture), was a little flat pleated one, tied under her chin with the white bow in front. (Note the small waist and keys at her belt). The picture was taken in the O.R., now a sitting room at Rundle Lodge (our old hospital on 12th Avenue and 6th Street S. E.). The other lady pictured in the O.R. was Mrs. C. Powlett (Kidd '05), who was then in charge of the O.R.

## CARNIVALS

Said the new grad to the old grad, "What do you mean by Carnival."

It seems strange that those headaches are so far in the past that the new grads weren't even born.

We had a good idea for a raffle but that was dropped and Mrs. Brodie (Ways and Means) brought forward the idea of an Ice Carnival at the Arena (and I don't mean Corral). Her ideas grew a pace and then the lucky lady went on a cruise. How could she tear herself away? She did but I didn't, and there started the biggest headache of a lifetime.

The idea was to produce a skating show with the minimum of cost and the maximum returns. Oh yes, it also had to be entertaining. All this and us without a skater to our names. However, we did have talent for tableaux to combine with skating acts and many fine finale tableaux were put on by our own girls to complete each carnival we produced.

We were in the depths of the depression so the tickets had to be very cheap. The record is not clear but I think the price range was \$.35 to \$1.00 with \$1.50 for box seats.

The whole thing was a gamble but we rushed in with enthusiasm. The members sold tickets as though their lives depended on it. With the knowhow of Lloyd Turner (Bless him), and our enthusiasm, a good show was produced.

Our carnival officially opened the winter season and we had the new Artificial Ice as a drawing card. We had skating stars from Edmonton, Saskatoon and the Simpson Sisters from Banff and points east, and many talented skaters from the Glencoe Club. We cleared \$703.33. All that work and now we can make more money on a raffle.

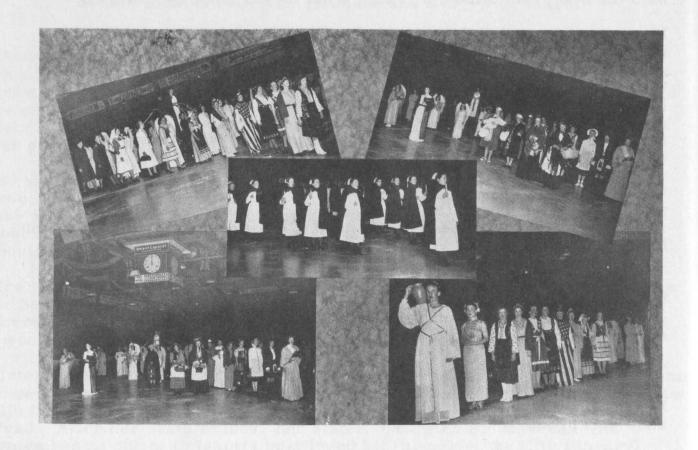
We sponsored and produced the carnival each year until 1945. The problems of production had been increasing and we were on the point of dropping the idea when Mr. Turner gave us the opportunity of sponsoring the Ice Fantasy for a percentage.

The returns from such a sponsorship gradually decreased in proportion to the work involved and we turned to other fund raising about 1950.

I have only touched on the high spots in respect to Carnivals. Some of the low spots are happily forgotten. The money raised was used to buy furnishings for the hospital. You will get more of the details in "Notes from the Minutes," and "How We Made It and How We Spent It."

Twenty-one years ago this coming February we sponsored the first all professional Ice Show.

Gertrude E. O'Keefe (Barrett '24)



At this time the members of the Alumnae would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Lloyd Turner, who, during the early years of the Alumnae, provided us with the facilities and the place to stage the "Carnival," and helped us in every way possible to make our project a success.

This was one of the main projects during the war years which provided the Alumnae with funds to carry on their different activities.

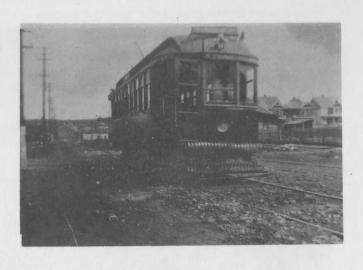




















Miss Dorothy Whiteman
Mrs. P. Fraser (Donald '23)



Mrs. F. Hammill (McKee '26)



Mrs. J. D. Innes (Dick '28) Mrs. M. Sykes (Cox '24)



Miss H. Whale '17

#### SHADES OF THE PAST Continued



Supervisory Staff, 1931



As taken from our Year Bo of 1942, -

"It is given to us as nurses live more greatly, if we will than most people. For we heartbreakingly, thrillingly close to the pulse-beat of m kind. We are given the pow to relieve suffering, to such to serve. Fellow men in the lowest ebb of life turn to us They need us so, not only mouth always. We can live vitely close to life itself. So le us thank God for the privilegof being nurses."

Sheila C. MacKay '42 (Now Mrs. G. Russell, of Edmon whose stories of "The Marti Family" we read in the "Chatelaine Magazine.")

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS . . . Who Remembers These? Times Have Changed!

In the old General Hospital—sterilizing was done in a large steamer over an electric stove . . . O.R. and whole hospital up to date today. In the early days of the new Hospital, forty diet kitchen trays were served; these were kept warm by one lectric plate . . The days when theatre or dinner parties were only allowed when a chaperone was along, Miss Murphy and Mrs. Lincoln usually obliged . . . Joe in the office, always good for a quarter till pay-day . . Alf, Sam and James, (orderlies) "Jacks of all trades" . . and Jessie the maid, the good samaritan always . . The days when smoking vras taboo!!! the sight of one seen smoking was sufficient cause for the Medical Superintendent to call an emergent meeting at eleven p.m. to inform the student nurses that anyone found smoking again would be expelled without further warning . . Diet Kitchen days??? when the dietician asked the nurse, who tossed the egg-shells in the coal skuttle if she had been brought up at home or in an orphanage . . "By the way girls, did you put salt in the soup?" . . Bloomers and stockings were the popular receptacles for stolen tidbits, wonder what the girls do nowadays? . . Remember the days of extreme modesty?, of high collars and high laced boots, (what bags we were!) . . . Remember the road race in the O.R. between Miss Murphy and Mary Maclear (1916)? . . or the day Bella Lamont (1919) saved the day in the diet kitchen, when the cook chased the cookee, brandishing a long wicked knife, while the other nurses in the dining room remained petrified. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Remember the Junior who drank "wine of epecac" thinking it was a refreshing beverage? . . . Christmas morning, carrying around the little organ and singing carols . . . or the proby wondering if ghosts really existed, when the bell in the vacant room (from where the patient had just been removed to the morgue) went out of order and rang continuously!!!

. . . and the day the first triplets were born in Maternity; the Supt. phoned for the daily report and the white

SHADES OF THE PAST Continued

Flora McInnes as "Florence Nightingale"



"Still Traditional with the Alumnae Association today."

#### PLEDGE

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE MYSELF BEFORE

GOD AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS

ASSEMBLY TO PASS MY LIFE IN PURITY

AND TO PRACTICE MY PROFESSION

FAITHFULLY.

I WILL ABSTAIN FROM WHATEVER IS DE-LETERIOUS AND MISCHIEVOUS, AND WILL NOT TAKE OR KNOWINGLY ADMINISTER ANY HARMFUL DRUG.

I WILL DO ALL IN MY POWER TO MAINTAIN AND ELEVATE THE STANDARD OF
MY PROFESSION, AND WILL HOLD IN
CONFIDENCE ALL PERSONAL MATTERS
COMMITTED TO MY KEEPING AND ALL
FAMILY AFFAIRS COMING TO MY KNOWLEDGE IN THE PRACTICE OF MY CALLING.

WITH LOYALTY WILL I ENDEAVOR TO AID
THE PHYSICIAN IN HIS WORK, AND DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE WELFARE OF THOSE
COMMITTED TO MY CARE.



Mrs. Cyprian Pinkham

Mrs. Pinkham, wife of the clergyman's superior, Bishop Pinkham, had lived all her life on the western prairies and she knew what a toll of human life had been taken during the period of pioneering . . . women dying in child birth, epidemics of smallpox and typhoid fever, and terrible accidents on the ranches and in the building of the new railroad.

She began at once to collect more money, and because she did not wish to limit the work to those of Anglican faith, persuaded the Mayor, G. C. King, to call a meeting of all who were interested in starting a General Hospital.

The result of this meeting was the decision to rent a building to be used for a Cottage Hospital. This was secured in October, 1890 - a small storey-and-a-half frame house, located on Section 16 near today's Louise Bridge. It contained two rooms and a kitchen on the first floor, and four small wards on the second. The rental was \$35 a month. Mrs. Nelson Hoade, Calgary's first trained nurse, and her husband, were put in charge.



At the Cottage Hospital itself the staff now consisted of Mrs. Nelson Hoade, Matron; Mr. N. Hoade, orderly and jack-of-all-trades; Miss Martin, general servant for cooking, laundry and nursing assistance; and two doctors - N. J. Lindsay, M.D., and H.G. Mackid, M.D. The services of a second nurse were soon required and Miss McLean was taken on staff at a wage of \$35 per month.

It was the fall of 1890, a Chinese, Jimmy Smith, alone and friendless, save for the visits of a sympathetic Anglican clergyman, lay dying in a bedroom at the old Royal Hotel. To that clergyman Jimmy Smith left his worldly goods -- a suit of clothes and \$100 to start a hospital. The money was taken to Mrs. Cyprian Pinkham . . . . and from that donation has grown the CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL.



General Hospital II

Miss Mary Ellen Birtles, a graduate of the Winnipeg General Hospital, and the first Matron of the Calgary General Hospital, reported in 1895, that since the opening of the new hospital the work had increased to the point where the nursing staff had to be increased to two pupil nurses and two probationers. She stated that a Training School, with these four women, had therefore been established.



#### FIRST STUDENT NURSE

Students during those early days received their instruction in a hit or miss fashion, with theory and explanation coming when busy doctors or nurses could spare a few minutes. Serious responsibility was the lot of even the new probationer. Miss Moody, who in 1898 became the Calgary General's first graduate, had a bout of typhoid in the middle of her training, after long hours on solitary night duty during a typhoid epidemic.



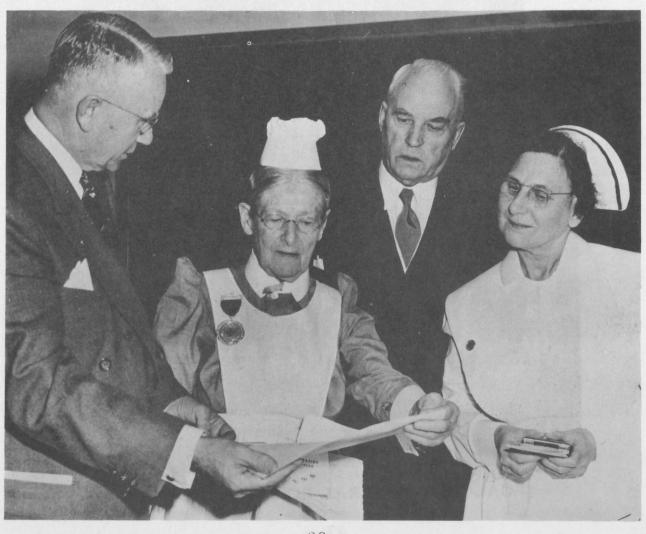
CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL III



CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL IV

Marion Moodie, the first nurse to graduate from any hospital in Alberta, is show here at the opening ceremonies for the new Calgary General Hospital. Showing keen interest in the certificate which Miss Moodie received at her graduation from the General in 1898 are Mrs. E. Chubb (Von Gruenigan '21), supervisor of the women's surgical ward in the old General; Hon. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Gover of Alberta, and Dr. Howard P. Wright, Chairman of the Calgary Hospitals Boar Miss Moodie is dressed in an exact replica of the uniform she wore at her graduate

During her life time, Miss Moodie contributed much, both morally and financial to the Calgary General Hospital and her Alma Mater.

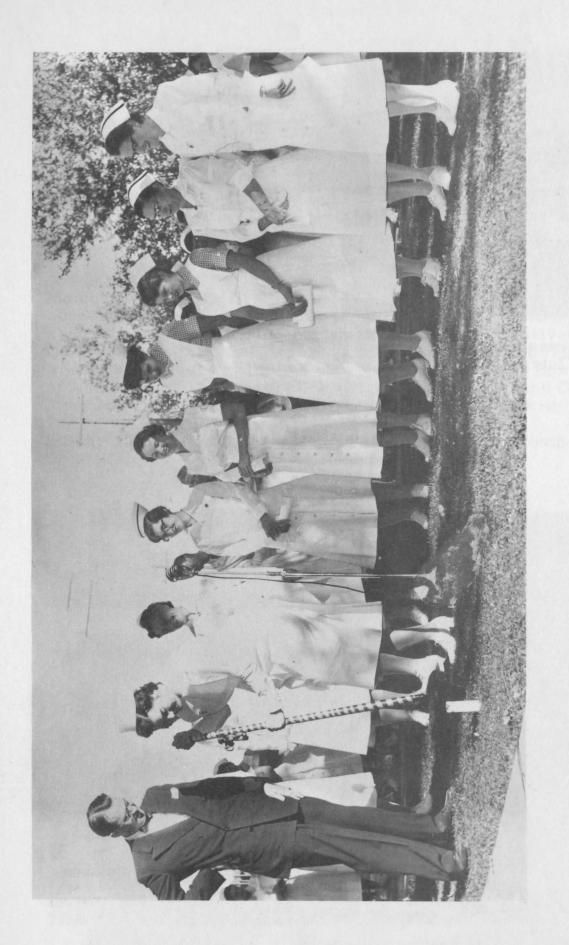




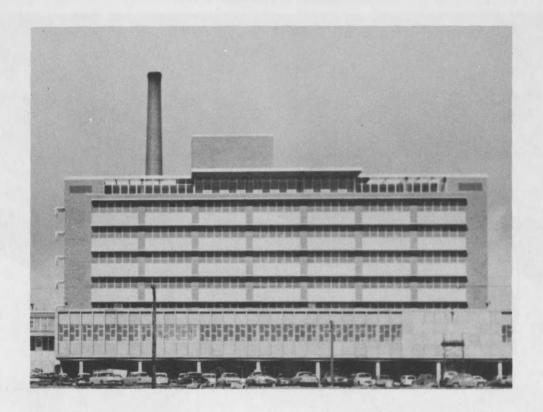
"B" Block, Nurses' Residence, now serves as Interns' Quarters

This is the new Nurses' Residence as it stands today





Director of Nursing, Gertrude Hall; Catherine Aikin, Associate Director of Nursing Digney, President of "A" Class of 1955; Eva Austen, President of "B" Class of 1955; of Nursing and Residence at the Calgary General Hospital. Hospital Administrator, Dr. L. O. Bradley stands on her left. In the background (left to right) are Student Nurses' Council President, Alice Gehman, takes a healthy bite of this bare Education; Clinical Coordinator, Margaret Street; Mrs. M. Lupypciw (Podwysocki Joan Nicholls, President of the Class of 1956; Jeannine Gammon, President of the patch of ground to officially mark a start on construction of the \$1,800,000 School 149), President of the Calgary General Hospital Alumnae Association; Lorraine Class of 1957; Mrs. Edith Henry (Randall '30) and Dorothy Cannon '32.

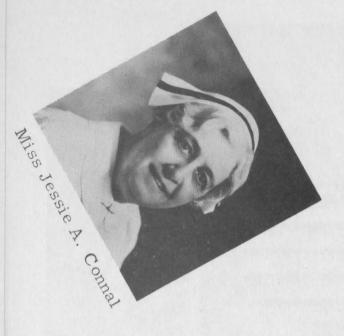


in 1960, construction was begun on a 205-bed Convalescent and Rehabilitation Building on the site of the old General Hospital.



On March 3rd, 1953, the new Calgary General Hospital was officially opened by Hon. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. This was the beginning of a "Master Plan" for providing the health service necessary for the citizens of our community.

On February 4th, 1962, the new Convalescent Rehabilitation Building was officially opened, thus completing the final stages of the "Master Plan." Our General Hospital now has a bed census of 952 adult and children's beds and 110 bassinets.





Miss Margaret Street





Mrs. Edith Henry (Randall '30)

Miss Ann Hebert '13

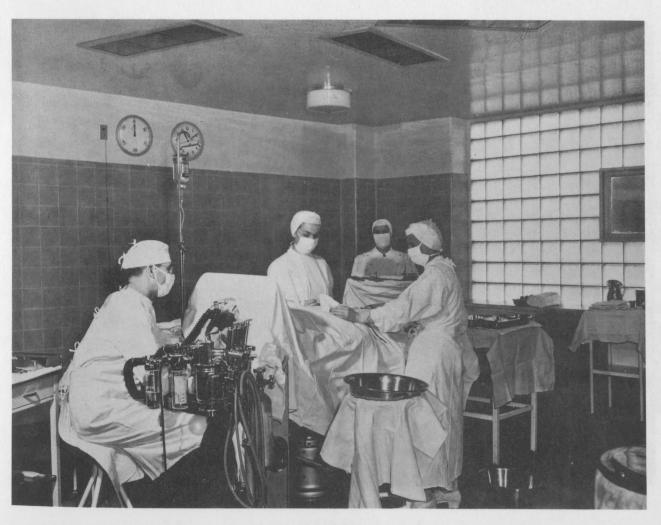




## THE OLD AND THE NEW



Old O. R.



New O. R. 43.



Old O. R.



Recovery Room

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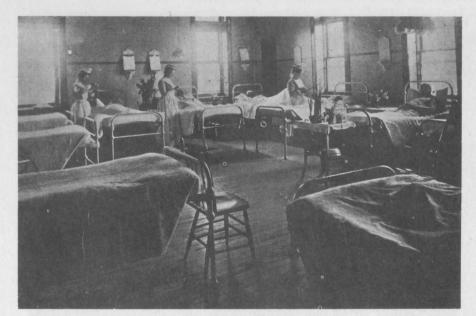


Old Laboratory Mrs. C. W. Parks (E. Johnson '26) still a very active Alumnae Member

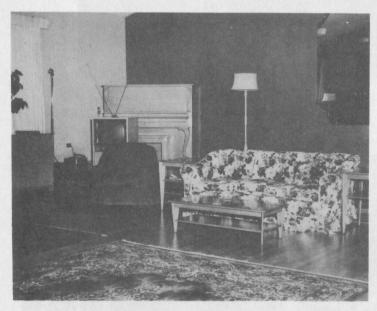


New Laboratory

THE OLD AND THE NEW Continued



Old Ward, 1936



"The Blue Room"



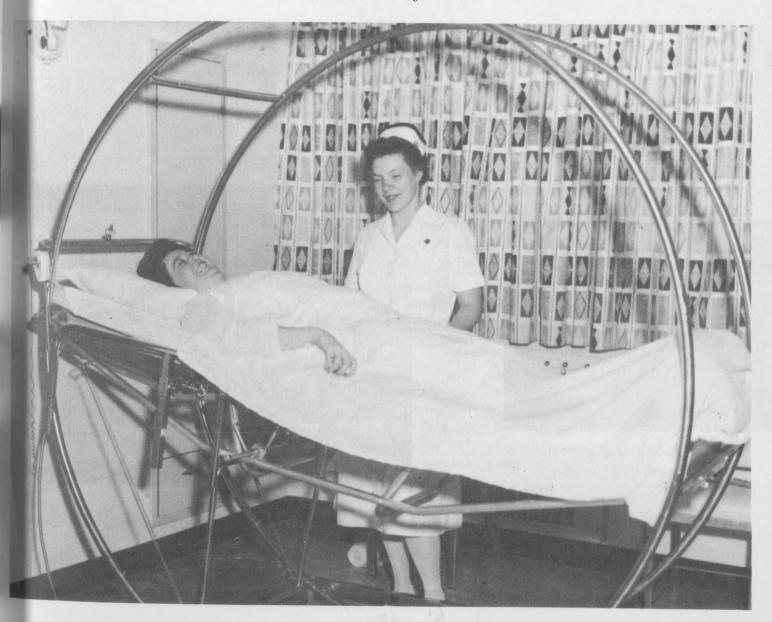
New Ward, 1953



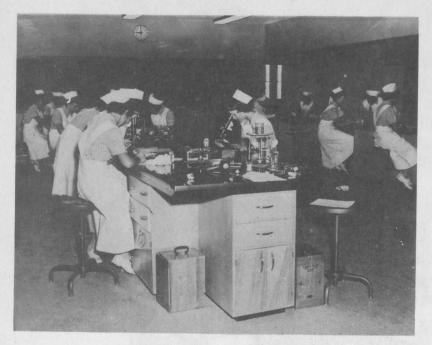
"The Sunken Lounge" 46.



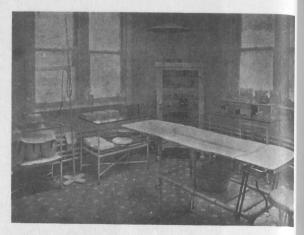
The Old Stryker



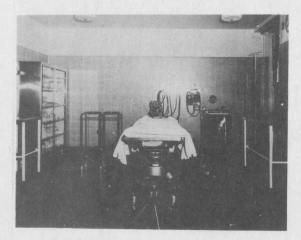
The New Stryker 47.



Students' Chemistry Laboratory



Old O. R., 1906



New Operating Room



Old Classroom



Mrs. R. Cunniffe (H. Paterson '32)

#### THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

Thanks for the memory,
Of Isolation days, of diet kitchen trays,
Of members of the T.S.O. who tried to mend our
ways,

How lovely it was!

Thanks for the memory, of scrubbing up in Met For Doctor this or that.

The time we tried to figure out some way to buy a hat,

How lovely it was.

Many the late-leave we'd forfeit,
And many the times we sorrowed,

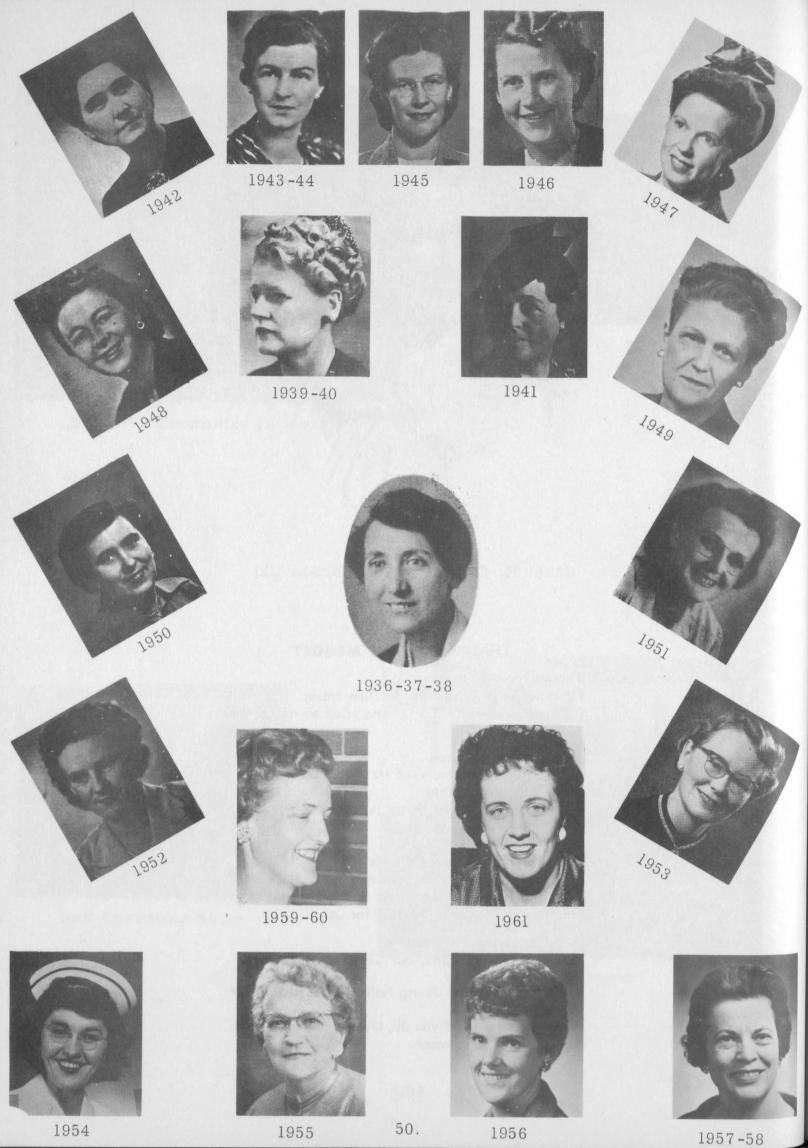
When we found our ear-rings had been borrowed; But we didn't cuss — Hooray for us!

And thanks for the memory,

Of happy party nights, our Christmas Tree with lights;

And Maggie in the dining hall who loved to start the fights.

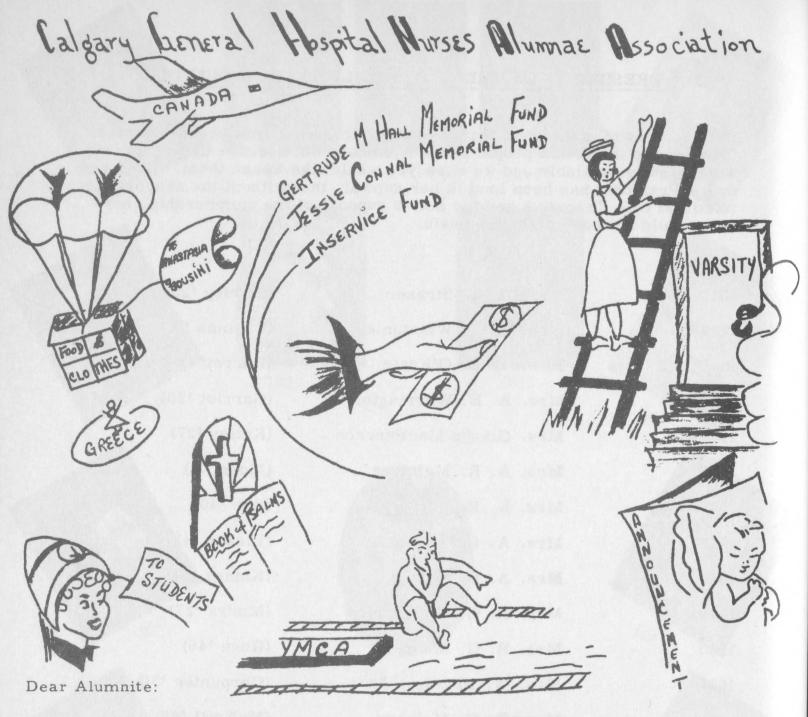
Awfully glad we met you all, cheerio and toodle-oo, And thank you so much.



#### PRESIDENTS OF THE C. G. H. ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The pictures of your Presidents appear in this book, not because we feel they are the important people in the Alumnae, but because these pictures were readily available and we knew you would like to see them. Each and every President has been loud in her avowal, that without the support of a tried and true Executive and the active support of the membership, her term could not have been successful

1936-37-38	Mrs. R. G. Straker	(Shirley '25)
1939-40	Mrs. G. C. Winstanley	(Thomas '16)
1941	Mrs. T. L. O'Keefe	(Barrett '24)
1942	Mrs. A. E. Warrington	(Garriot '28)
1943 - 44	Mrs. Gladys MacPherson	(Kelley '27)
1945	Mrs. A. R. McIntyre	(Moon '31)
1946	Mrs. E. B. Hall	(Rae '40)
1947	Mrs. A. Luft	(Lisson '42)
1948	Mrs. A. E. Wilson	(Kinney '34)
1949	Mrs. H. G. Kirkpatrick	(Marrs '27)
1950	Mrs. H. G. Moore	(Rose '46)
1951	Mrs. W. Pillidge, Jr.	(Carpenter '31)
1952	Mrs. D. G. McInnes	(McNeill '46)
1953	Mrs. T. Yearwood	(Hallam '48)
1954	Mrs. W. Lupypciw	(Podwysocki '49)
1955	Mrs. E. C. MacDonald	(Cumberland '20)
1956	Mrs. J. R. Milne	(Hind '49)
1957 - 58	Mrs. R. J. Tregillus	(Robertson '37)
1959 - 60	Mrs. J. J. Porter	(Ofstedal '41)
1961	Mrs. L. V. Erickson	(Mudry '55)



In keeping with the space age we are launching our 1961 space capsule! It is loaded with:

- 1. Jessie Connal Memorial Fund \$250.00.
- 2. Building and furnishing Residence Chapel.
- 3. In-Service Fund any graduate \$500.00.
- 4. Foster child 8 year old Anastasia in Greece.
- 5. Annual Banquet over 550 attendance.
- 6. Loan plan no obligation for needy student.
- 7. Christmas gift for students.
- 8. Annual Tea "Mitten Tea".
- 9. Name and address labels \$1.00 per pack.
- 10: Maternity Birth Announcements.
- 11. Magazine subscriptions for missionaries.
- 12. Grants to Alumnae missionaries.
- 13. "Mite-box" for needy family.
- 14. YMCA swim fund.
- 15. Gertrude M. Hall Memorial fund donation.

#### HOW WE MADE IT AND HOW WE SPENT IT

#### 1936

The Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund (British) seems to be the first money we spent outside our own organization (\$10.00).

Carnival receipts, \$700.

#### March, 1937

Mrs. Straker, Miss Watt and Mrs. O'Keefe were appointed as a committee to interview Mr. Barnes (Hospital Manager) in an effort to initiate a Hospital Benefit Scheme for Alumnae members.

Carnival receipts, \$340. (Didn't work hard enough that year).

#### April, 1937

We received a letter from the Hospital's Board as follows:

"The Members of the C. G. H. Alumnae be granted discounts to the extent of 40% and that the offer of financial assistance made to the Hospital by us would be accepted. These benefits were to apply to Alumnae members in good standing."

The first donation to the hospital was the furnishings for a private room on third floor in memory of Miss E. Smith, former Superintendent of Nurses. We also furnished a room in Maternity and bought a gatch bed for Mat. Spent \$495.

### 1938

Bought four mattresses and two wardrobes for Private Rooms on Third Floor, and two Simmons Beds for Maternity. As a special gift we refurnished the waiting room in the hospital. This gift started something. The Hospital Management decided to remodel the grim little hole to make it worthy of our gift.

A gift of \$140 plus \$48.50 from Alumnae Funds furnished another room. A Specialist's chair was bought for the O. R, (now the Department of Surgery).

## 1939

Spent \$700 on the furnishings for two semi-private rooms (101 and 103 in Maternity).

Bought a suite for the waiting room in Mat. (Eggshell and red leatherette). Cost, \$102.50.

Carnival receipts brought \$1210.16. (Better, eh?). Of this we donated \$1200 to the Red Cross (War Effort).

Voted \$25 to help defray expenses of the Canadian Nurses' Convention in June.

#### December, 1940

Proceeds from Carnival over \$1000.

Purchased 6 gatch beds for 2nd West, 2 gatch beds for Maternity and 25 bassinets with casters for Maternity, one electrically heated. Also purchased 2 venetian blinds for Maternity Waiting Room.

Furnished the X-ray waiting room (a cubby-hole, too).

Total cost, \$900.

#### January, 1941

We voted \$300 to the Lord Mayor's Fund in London. A fund was established all across Canada to aid nurses who suffered in the bombing raids. This fund later was extended to include nurses in the Far East.

During 1941 we contributed \$825 to this fund. The money was raised by groups of Alumnae workers (we would like to name but hesitate because someone might be missed), by the raffle of a silver teapot (donated) and the proceeds of our First Rummage Sale. Also, \$2894.61 from our 1941 Carnival Funds.

FOR THE PERIOD COVERING THE FIRST FIVE YEARS we spent \$2811.80 on furnishings for the hospital.

#### 1942

Gave \$300. to the Chinese Relief Fund, \$500 to Bombed Nurses' Fund, \$300 to the Queen's Canadian Fund, \$300 to Lord Southwood's Sick Childrens Hospital, \$50 to the Patrick Burns' Mobile Unit (St. John Ambulance), \$25 to Cancer Society, \$24.10 to the "Y" Hostess Hall Fund. A TOTAL of \$2000 went to War Work that year.

Made \$2100 on the Carnival.

#### 1943

In January we voted \$200 to Russian Relief, \$200 to Merchant Marine Fund, \$100 to Prisoner of War Fund, \$21 for cigarettes for boys Overseas. To avoid having a pay heavy Government Amusement Taxes on our Carnival receipts we were obliged to spend a large percentage of our earnings on War Work.

The Bombed Nurses' Fund was suspended and the \$100 left in the fund was spent on a Centrifuge for the Red Cross Blood Bank.

It was decided to spend \$1 instead of \$.75 for flowers for sick members (inflation was setting in). We adopted the idea of forming a committee to act as an Auxiliary to our Overseas Nurses. \$50 was voted as a start for Committee use. Two parcels a year to go to our Overseas Members.

#### 1943 CONT'D

We decided and sponsored an Art Exhibit of paintings by Mr. Shintz of High River District who donated a picture to be raffled and proceeds for the Nursing Auxiliary. Proceeds, \$266.95.

Purchased a microscope for the Demonstration Room, \$200.

Turned over \$2200 we had been saving for furnishings for the new Sara Macdonald Hall. Voted \$100 to buy accessories for the home. (Tea wagon, coffee table and lace tablecloth.)

The Graduating Class donated \$64.77 to buy tables for the new residence.

Carnival Receipts, \$2200.82.

#### 1944

We heard a report showing that to the end of 1943 the Alumnae had paid \$5883 for Nurses' Hospitalization Benefits. This covered 108 maternity cases and 151 others.

A Committee was formed to interview the Hospitals Board in an effort to get a better deal on benefits. The Committee brought in several suggestions for use of our earnings. The general feeling was expressed that we should be doing more to help our students and graduates and still give financial support in return for hospital benefits.

Carnival receipts were approximately \$2500.

The Government Hospital Scheme covering Maternity cases was established, thereby cutting down our expenditures for our prolific gang.

All during the war, 25% of our Carnival proceeds had to be allocated to war work in order to remain free of tax on said proceeds.

After almost a year of discussion, a new contract was negotiated with the Hospitals Board. We were still to receive our 40% discount but only needed to cover 30%, the hospital could absorb the other 10%.

Donations for the year 1944 were Hospital, \$529; Merchant Marine, \$100; Russian Relief, \$200; "Y" Hostess Hall, \$32.20; Overseas Nurses, \$303.13.

#### 1945

Bought a \$1000 Government Bond for future use.

Tom Campbell gave us \$25 for Hospital Benefit Fund.

We sponsored a moccasin dance at the Arena. Made \$73.75. Carnival receipts, \$1948.

War is over, "HAPPY DAY!" and we have some war work money left. It was decided to give \$200 to Community Chest.

#### 1945 CONT'D

During the last ten years we have cleared \$11,737.

Dispersements for 1945 were: Overseas Nurses' Fund, \$100; Red Cross Prisoner of War Fund, \$100; Navy League, \$100; Christmas Cheer for British Children, \$100; Cigarette Fund, \$50.

#### 1946

We voted \$25 to Community Chest and set aside the balance of our war fund for parcels to be sent overseas.

We gave \$10 to the Overseas Nurses' Memorial Fund to maintain Restbreak Home in England and \$10 to help bring a Dutch delegate to the Nurses Convention in Atlantic City and \$10 to the fund for the re-establishment of libraries in training schools in devastated countries.

#### November, 1947

A profit of \$58.51 was reported from a dance at Penleys.

#### February, 1948

We voted a 50th Anniversary gift to the Hospital of \$1000, to be held in trust for furnishings for the new hospital.

A Resuscitator was to be presented to the Hospital soon, price quoted, \$755. A sewing machine was to be bought for the students and drapes were to be ordered for the two private rooms we have furnished. (Sorry girls, we found out we couldn't get delivery of the Resuscitator).

Repair to furniture we had donated cost \$135.

The sum of \$25 was sent to the Community Chest.

## April, 1948

The sum of \$25 was voted for British Children.

## May, 1949

Made \$43 on a raffle.

## May, 1951

As the carnival idea seemed to be running out we turned to other sources of revenue. The Tea idea was started and how that has grown \$205 the first year, another rummage sale netted \$177.60 plus winter coat sale. What does it mean? Who sold it? Who bought it, etc., etc.

Raffle receipts were \$750.60.

May, 1952

We gave \$100 to cover expenses of a student nurse attending the C. N. A. Convention.

June, 1952

Spent \$25 on irons for the residence.

December, 1952

We voted funds to send a graduate away for Urology training.

Raffles were certainly a good money maker! The one in 1952, a tailored suit, netted \$906.45.

February, 1953

We voted that \$1000 be made available to Miss Hall for Inservice Training. A Bond for \$1000 was set aside to be used for a memorial to Miss Connal.

Post cards and Hasty Notes with pictures of the new hospital were sold at the opening of the new hospital. Expected to clear \$200 on the sale. At year end had cleared \$501.11.

The \$1000 we donated was used in the Physiotherapy Department at our request.

The 1953 Tea and Bazaar netted \$317.28.

In September, Mrs. Munn reported \$303.57 left in the Student Nurses' Fund. I seem to have missed the minutes stating how much it was to start with but the committee seemed to be busy and making good use of the money.

Another Rummage Sale netted \$91.82.

A telephone bridge netted another \$118.

Miss Moodie, our first graduate, donated \$500 to buy a record player and records for the nurses' home.

The nurse who benefited from the Inservice Education Grant donated \$100.

Total donations in 1953 for Hospital and Nurses amounted to \$4553.47.

April, 1954

A steam iron for students.

Four tickets to Women's Musical Club and two tickets to Celebrity Series was purchased for students.

The sum of \$100 was spent for a student nurse to attend convention.

October, 1954

Annual Tea, \$416.75.

Annual report shows \$731.75 proceeds from a raffle (Gift Certificate, I think).

Proceeds \$174 from \$2 contributions from members in lieu of a Bridge Party.

The Annual Reports show continuing interest in our Missionaries and each year they received gift subscriptions to the Ladies Home Journal, \$52.

1954 seems to have been the year the Birth Announcements and Personalized Label idea started.

#### October, 1955

The Mitten Tea made \$541.17.

The Chapel Fund was growing like a weed.

We voted a \$1000 Bond to the fund and \$1000 to start a continuing scholar-ship in memory of Miss Connal. Later it was decided to make the scholar-ship \$250 and hold the balance in a special account.

#### February, 1956

We bought T Shirts for the students track team.

## March, 1956

The sum of \$500 was voted to the Inservice Fund.

## April, 1956

Miss Hall reported that to date we had donated \$2500 to the Inservice Fund.

## September, 1956

Birth Announcements seem to be selling well. Can't find a figure on the profit. Personalized labels still a good seller as are Hasty Notes. The labels have made \$538.36 to date.

Raffles, the Tea, Labels, Notes and Birth Announcements for the year netted \$1795.23.

The Chapel idea and fulfillment will be covered by Mrs. MacDonald who devoted endless hours to making it a thing of beauty and a project that did more to stimulate our members than any other one thing we have done. The bond of fellowship is the greatest factor but you may be interested in an outline of the financing. This is based on the 1956 report showing nearly \$10,000 spent.

#### September, 1956 CONT'D

#### Financing of the Chapel

Gifts from interested friends, not Alumnae members, \$1000 for carpeting and pews, etc.

The Hammond Organ (Approximate value, \$1500).

The Communion Table and Brass	Candelabra
Pews	\$3135.22
Stained Glass Window	1465.00
Baptismal Font	96.55
Two Pews	300.00
Two Chairs	164.95
Book of Memory	169.24

Communion Set, Hymn Books and Prayer Books.

The list continues through the years.

#### April, 1957

The In-Service Grant of \$500 was voted.

The Pulpit donated by the 1949 Class was installed and two vases donated.

Home cooking sales were started at the hospital. The Raffle for the doll netted about \$800.

#### February, 1958

Proceeds of two bake sales, \$125, were to be given to Winnifred Gray for use in her Mission in India.

#### March, 1958

Courtesy discounts given members by the hospital were to be dropped under the new Hospitalization Plan and we decided to discontinue our scheme too.

## November, 1958

The sum of \$25 was donated to the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses.

## December, 1958

Good raffle, a doll, made \$715 and the Tea reported \$860.01.

## April, 1959

Proceeds of \$101.10 from a "Bake Sale" were to be given to Miss Ursula Burrows for her Missionary work.

The sum of \$500 was given to the In-Service Fund.

#### October, 1959

Good Tea and Bazaar with \$1113.84 profit. Doll raffle, \$387.85.

#### November, 1959

A cooking demonstration cleared \$80.

Those Birth Announcements still going strong, \$252 profit in 1959.

#### February, 1960

The usual \$500 donated to the In-Service Fund. Christmas Stocking Raffle profits were \$910.13.

#### November, 1960

Donation of \$100 to the Gertrude Hall Memorial Fund.

#### January, 1961

Every year there have been gifts sent to the students. A hair dryer was given this year.

#### Financial Report on 1961 Activities

Proceeds:			Commitments for 1961:		
Proceeds from Mitten Tea	\$1,	015.41	Banquet	\$	659.95
Christmas Stocking		950.90	Foster Parent's Plan		180.00
Sale of Birth Announcements		188.00	Parcels to Anastasia		50.00
Sale of Personal Labels		27.20	(Mailing, etc.)		
Mite Box and Birthday Money		304.59	Honorarium		150.00
Donations		18.50	Jessie Connal Memorial		
			Scholarship Fund (Chapel)		250.00
			Student Nurses'		
	\$2,	504.60	Christmas Gift		17.50
			Memorial (Miss G. Hall's		
Tea Expenses	\$	156.64	portrait in oils for the		
Raffle Expenses		109.02	Nurses' Residence)		106.95
				\$1,	414.40

I have tried to give an idea of the variety of work and thinking that has gone into the raising ofmmoney. It is an endless task but judging by the results, it seems to have stimulated interest among the members. The many ways the money has been spent shows the variety of interests our members have. Looking back on twenty-five years of community effort, it is interesting to each one of us because many of us will have forgotten the things we spent those hard earned dollars on.

Gertrude E. O'Keefe (Barrett '24)

#### THE ALUMNAE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The Calgary General Hospital was in its Diamond Jubilee year and 1,490 nurses had graduated from the School of Nursing by the time Calgary City Fathers finally got around to building a "Nurses' Home." A Chapel was in the plans for this residence, and the Calgary General Hospital Alumnae Association asked that they be allowed to completely furnish and establish it as the "Alumnae Memorial Chapel." The suggestion was welcomed and permission granted.

#### Objectives:

- 1. A gracious and beautiful Chapel to fill a need in the day-to-day lives of the student nurses. The Chapel to be nondenominational.
- 2. A continuing and lasting memorial. This memorial to take the form of a stained glass window, together with the "Book of Memory." This book to contain the names of all Calgary General Hospital Graduates from 1898 on (the new class to be added each year), also others in the Medical and Nursing professions, whose names are held in respectful memory for their work in pioneering and developing the Calgary General Hospital from humble beginning to the inspiring structure of the present.



#### THE ALUMNAE MEMORIAL CHAPEL Continued

The first part of our objective became a reality on May 31st, 1956, when the Chapel was dedicated by Rt. Rev. C. R. Calvert, Bishop of Calgary.

The project of the Chapel was a "Cart before the Horse" from the beginning. We were quoted a minimum sum of some \$7000 and we didn't have a dime in the so-called fund! The residence was fast becoming finished and we also wished to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Alumnae, which was 1956, by presenting the Chapel to the students.

By naming all Past Presidents to the Committee to launch this project, it was felt we had a group representative of the many years of the Association, vigorous in their support of the Alumnae, and of many talents. The gigantic task of contacting every living graduate of the Calgary General Hospital was commenced, for only if everyone was given an opportunity to participate could we accomplish our end. To this end in compiling the Fund, emphasis was put not on "how much" but "how many." The response was tremendously gratifying and donations and good wishes poured in from near and far. No general appeal for funds was made to the Public, but we contacted many interested friends who helped very materially in large items, organ, carpeting, etc. The very generous donation of \$1000 from the first graduate of the Calgary General Hospital (1898) gave the finances a wonderful boost at this time.

We soon found that the Gothic Arch and Crimson Carpet was no longer synon-amous with things ecclesiastical, so with the young girls of the student body in mind, we were soon viewing Phillipine Mahogany, light carpet and gold upholstering. Churches of every denomination in the city were haunted, their pews, windows and memorials examined in every detail.

"Do it yourself," might have been invented by this Committee. Some of them were born sleuths and their perserverence in locating missing graduates could only be appreciated by a Perry Mason. Others didn't actually saw pews and cut upholstery, but definitely knew the how, the where, and the how much! The idea also came into being of "Class Efforts." This was enthusiastically endorsed by many classes who contacted and collected from their classmates and was a big factor in the quickly providing of Baptismal Font, Book of Memory, Pulpit and Chairs, individual pews, Hymn Board, etc. Other members and friends bought the Bible, Hymn and Prayer Books, also the Communion Table. The little plaques in the Chapel tell a story of many, many loving memories, honored.

With all this accomplished, we still had to cope with the stained glass window which was to be the centre of our Memorial. We had reams of correspondence with Companies whose business was installing and designing these windows. We had received and returned piles of pictures, cuttings, etc., but no one, and I mean no one was satisfied. Could "Do it yourself" apply even in this sacred area? It appeared it could.

A very talented member of the Graduates of the Calgary General Hospital offered to design the window. Together with her husband, their talent and inspired effort produced the design for the stained glass window, which now has become so familiar and so very dear to every one of us. Not only does it bring the whole Chapel to life, it is not a copy of some other work, but original and personal. A picture of the window together with the inspired story of how it evolved, as told by the designer, is found elsewhere in this book.

#### THE ALUMNAE MEMORIAL CHAPEL Continued

The following was kindly sent to me by the Chapel Committee of the Student Body when enquiry was made on how the Chapel might be affecting their lives.

"There is seldom a day when the Alumnae Memorial Chapel in the Nurses' Residence of the Calgary General Hospital School of Nursing, is not used. The Chapel is always a refuge to those who may wish to slip in during the day. Many students enjoy playing the organ during coffee breaks, when they have been attending classes in the School."

Three services are held in the Chapel every morning, Monday through Saturday, during the interval from 7:05 to 7:35 a.m. A Residence Supervisor conducts these services, which consist of singing of hymn, Bible reading and reciting the Lord's Prayer in unison. Organists for this devotional period are chosen from the student body.

Each Sunday, 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., a Vesper Service is held, at which time Ministers of many Denominations are invited to come in rotation.

In August, rededication ceremonies are held in the Chapel for Intermediate and Senior Students. At this time the pale blue and navy blue bands for the caps which designate second and third year students are received respectively by the girls. The Chapel also provides a very suitable atmosphere for a special ceremony for the Junior Class. These students are each presented with a white Nurse's Testament by the Women's Auxiliary of the Gideon's Society.

The Nurses' Christian Fellowship, an interdenominational group, which is active within the student body, uses the Chapel on occasion for meetings. For example, the "Story of the Stained Glass Window" was presented by the designer of it, Mrs. E. Tregillus, a graduate of the Calgary General Hospital School of Nursing.

Many weddings and Christenings take place in the Chapel. These for the most part have been former students and their families.

The Spiritual Affairs Committee is sponsoring the installation of a memorial plaque, in memory of Miss Gertrude M. Hall, which they hope to have completed by the end of the year.

Previous to adopting the Chapel project, the Alumnae had set aside \$1500 to be used in the new building and to include a memorial to the late Miss Connal, who had been instructress for many years at the Calgary General Hospital. With the idea of the "continuing" memorial in mind, the money was transferred to the Chapel Fund and the "Jessie Connal Memorial Scholarship" set up. This Scholarship, \$250, is to be awarded each year to a member of the Graduating Class, to be used for further education, preferably teaching.

We do not think of this project as being finished, but rather "successful" in what has been undertaken up till now. Successful, I feel sure, because each of us played a small part. "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us ....."

We gratefully remember the friends who helped us in our planning, financing and troubles galore; Bishop Crump, Dr. Bradley, then Hospital Administrator, Mr. Dyck, Business Manager, Dr. Howard Wright, then Chairman of the Hospitals Board, and that very gracious lady, the late Gertrude Hall. Miss Hall had a deep conviction of the need and she loved the Chapel.

Mary V. Macdonald (Cumberland '20)

## "THE STORY OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW"

Chapel of the Nurses' Residence, Calgary General Hospital

When such a project is undertaken, there are so many facets of influence to be considered. Everyone on the Committee has an idea of what the picture should portray and tries to have his thought predominate.

Since it was designed primarily to be a memorial window, naturally the thought was of the past and of those members of the medical profession, doctors and nurses, who had contributed so much to their City of Calgary, and laid the foundations that were to result in the building of this exceptional institution known as the Calgary General Hospital. However, the window was being installed in a new Chapel of modern design to be viewed daily by groups of young women with their thoughts directed to the future. Therefore, there was the necessity of projecting into the picture an idea of progressive inspiration. This then posed our problem.

Assistance was sought from companies engaged in the business of installing such windows, and from them we received prints of such window designs as they had executed in the past. Some very beautiful pictures were viewed, but as we considered each one, we knew that they did not have the message we wished to convey. This was when the idea of designing our own window was suggested.

Many sketches were attempted, trying to embody all the suggestions made by the members. Of course, as a result, the sketches became much too detailed to be executed in glass. As you can see, the design must be bold and simple. So with the two original and essential thoughts in mind, namely that it was a memorial to the past but an inspiration to the present and the future, this window evolved.

First let us consider our heritage or what has been given to us from the past. Most important to us, of course, is our pin. From 1898 to the present day the design has remained the same. The size and the material from which it is cast has been altered, but all nurses from that early date have worn the red cross on its circular backing with pride and assurance that their school ranked with the best. Next we consider the symbolic "lamp burning brightly," and remember that it represents "service never faltering and faith never failing." Then there is the Caduceus, which for centuries has been the symbol of healing. These signs then are all linked together, uniting the past with the present, with the Biblical quotation of "Jesus went about healing all manner of sickness."

You will notice, no doubt, that the background of the picture is not the traditional terrain of biblical lands. Instead we have introduced the very beautiful and familiar mountain and foothill regions of our own Province. No sky could be more glorious at sunrise or sunset, no mountains more majestic, no foothills more beautifully treed and flowered, and no soil more suitable for the growing of grain for the making of bread, the bread to which our Lord compared Himself when He told us He was "The Bread of Life." Then we show our prairie flowers.

#### THE STORY OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW Continued

We come now to the principle figures or the focus of interest in the picture. Each form has a definite place. The baby reminds us that God himself came to earth as a baby and grew to manhood and that we, ourselves, were created in the likeness of God and, therefore, have an obligation to keep ourselves as healthy beings in order that we may fulfill the purpose for which we were created. The nurse may be the personification of the Golden Rule and has been given the desire and the ability to care for and protect all, who through physical, mental or material disability, seek her assistance. Then there is the Christus. We do not wish to consider Him after others, but put Him in this position to emphasize the truth that must be acknowledged in our association with science and medicine, and it is this: In spite of all advances and discoveries made in recent years, and of all the miracle drugs, modern equipment and skilled technicians available for the carrying out of specific treatments and procedures for the benefit of all, we must be ever mindful that where life and death are involved, there is only one Power capable of creating, keeping and concluding human life.

This then is the story of our window, and when understood, the picture should have a deeper meaning for you, and from it we trust that you will derive inspiration and satisfaction from the time you devote to attending chapel.



Eleanor Tregillus (Robertson '37)

The President of the Alumnae Association presents the Chairman of the Hospitals Board with a cheque for the Chapel.



#### ANASTASIA

One of the most worthwhile projects the Alumnae has undertaken is to adopt a small Greek child through the Foster Parents Plan.

It has been our pleasant experience to see this nine year old girl, her widowed mother, and her five brothers and sisters supplied with many essentials such as clothing, food, and household and personal articles through the generosity of Alumnae members, and the undaunted efforts of my classmates of 1953.

Our class has met monthly to collect, mend, and pack sixteen parcels to date, which, along with the parcels sent by the Class of 1951 and the Class of 1948, and also by Mrs. Peter Vallance, makes a total of twenty.

The class has enjoyed many reunited evenings. We have even sewed a lovely warm quilt, which cost us \$2.50 altogether. What fun we have had, and what a nice feeling to know we are helping someone perhaps not so fortunate as we.

We are sure the Alumnae can easily handle another such refugee, and we, the Class of 1953, would like to recommend the Alumnae consider the adoption of another child in the coming year.

Marion Brostrom '53

# ZONE SYSTEM

Dividing the city into sections or "zoning" as we call it now, is not a new practise of our Alumnae Association. Back in 1940 the city was divided into six sections, with a member of the Alumnae in charge of each, for the purpose of phoning all members to help with a Rummage Sale being held that year. However, it wasn't until 1954 that the idea was again revived, this time by Mrs. R. J. Garland, as Ways and Means Convener.

Mrs. C. F. Parks carried the idea to completion in 1955 by placing each member in a zone with a captain in charge of each zone. The purpose of this zone system was to make it possible for the Executive or a Committee Convener to have speedy contact with each and every member of the Alumnae Association. It has proven most successful in distributing raffle tickets to the zone captains, who in turn deliver them to their zone members, and also in phoning special news or requests for the captains to pass to their zone.

In 1959, Mrs. J. R. Milne became zone convener and with the assistance of our treasurer, Mrs. D. G. McInnes, the system was revised into a complete filing system of districts and members. At the present time there are forty-six zones, with four more to be added in the near future. This covers a paid up membership of approximately four hundred. A rural zone has also been added to include a few members living just out of the city limits.

The major portion of the work of this system has now been completed, that of organizing it, but each month brings many revisions to the filing system as members are constantly on the move from one district to another. Each year our new graduates are placed in their zones, then before we know it, they marry and move into suites in another zone and before long we hear they have built a home in yet another. This constant replacement of cards in the filing system and the phoning of forty-six (soon fifty) zone captains to inform them of their duties is the concern of the Zone Convener. This work is made possible through the constant support and cooperation of our treasurer, who forwards the changes in address each month to the Zone Convener.

This year the convenership of the zone system has been made an executive position.

Doreen Milne (Hind '49)

# THE HANDICAPPED SWIM PROGRAM

The Handicapped Swim Program is held at the Y. M. C. A. each Sunday from 1:45 to 4:15 p.m., from October to Easter.

Miss Moira Morrison and Mr. Ken Hodgert organized it early in 1960. Our Alumnae was asked to supply one or two nurses each Sunday, which we did.

The swim sessions of one half hour periods are given by individual instructors to one hundred twenty handicapped persons, including seventy children ranging in age from five to fourteen.

Every Sunday thirty volunteers carry out the program, including our two Alumnae girls, in uniform. Seventeen members have rotated, two a Sunday, during the past nineteen sessions. Our duties have included keeping a watchful eye on spastics, paralized, epileptics, etc. Our real talents have not been called upon, with the exception of a few bandaids or aspirin; however, we are called upon to give encouragement and show enthusiasm for the courage and advance these happy people display. They love the water and seem to lose their fear and inhibitions. It has been, and is, a very worthwhile program.

Donna M. Vine (Mills '48)

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# THE ANNUAL TEA, THE WAYS AND MEANS, AND THE BULLETIN

Typical of the many letters received in praise of these three projects, The Annual Tea, the Ways and Means, and "The Bulletin:"

615 Fourth Street WEYBURN, Saskatchewan March 16th, 1959

To the Bulletin Committee
Tea Committee and Membership:

Just a few lines to tell you how sparkling your last "Bulletin" was! From it, one couldn't help but sense the vitality in the Alumnae and know that it is the constant work and interest of many like yourself that has made it so. I was simply astounded at the amount you made at the Mitten Tea and know that I, for one, will see that I send a few more pair this next fall.

Enclosed is my membership fee for the coming year, which I know you will see reaches the proper executive.

Please convey every good wish to all and my continued hope for success and unity in all your endeavors. With deepest thanks for the "Bulletin."

Yours sincerely, (Signed) Eileen Warrington (Garriott '28)

FOOTNOTE:

Year Books have been discontinued because of the expense and in their place three "Bulletins" a year are published and sent to all paid up members.



# DECORATIONS MADE FROM WEEDS

Mrs. T. B. Hall (Doreen Bradley '41) is shown here with some of the decorations she has conjured up with sprigs of weeds, wire, paint and imagination, to help fill the coffers of the Alumnae Christmas table idea. Little Christmas trees, place markers, floral pieces, and others too numerous to mention are her "work of art."



# THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

"A big money-maker that grew out of a "What will we do?" meeting in 1960" Doreen Hall threw in the idea of asking each member to donate something good but not necessarily expensive, for either man, woman, child or pet, and make up a Christmas Stocking to raffle. We felt the dressed doll had done trojan duty but it was time for a change. As a raffle must not exceed \$50 spent out, we felt the girls, too, would like to be part of the money-making projects of the Alumnae.

As all good ideas have a way of doing, this caught on and grew into a six foot, gilded wire stocking, built by Mrs. O'Keefe, gilded by an interested company who also donated scrap Christmas wrappings for the many boxes used in the display and on the parcels which made up the prize. The contents only, is advertized as being the prize; the empty boxes and the stocking itself stays intact so it can be used from year to year.

The girls who handled the selling of the tickets at the different points of display, (Hospital Cafeteria, at the Banquet and in the stores), claim it is a real eye-catcher and a most attractive and intriguing first prize. Some of the things donated for the stocking are used for consolation prizes, and this, too, is a good ticket selling gimic.

Most of the girls in the Alumnae feel this is a good project as it gives all of us an opportunity to pull our weight, -- we all have something we can donate and selling tickets hasn't proven to be too taxing on anyone.

# THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING Continued

Close to \$900 were taken in on the first raffle and close to \$1,000 in 1961. Cheers to all those girls who donated to the cause and all those who sold their tickets. Special mention to the girls who convened in 1960, Mrs. R. J. Kibblewhite (Gehman '54) and Mrs. G. R. Ritchie (Gordon '54); Mrs. W. Potter (King '43) and Mrs. D. F. Thompson (Tuff '41) in 1961.

And what of the persons who won the stocking??? The first, a lady visiting at the hospital from near High River was astonished at the variety and quality of the many beautifully done up parcels, all useful. The lady who won this year is Mrs. Don Wilson, wife of Don Wilson who used to be with one of the funeral homes, and still is, I think. She was thrilled with the contents and doubly so because she thought she had bought a ticket on a Christmas Stocking such as we see in the Supermarkets, so she was surprised. Apparently she bought tickets without seeing our magnificent show piece, which goes to prove tickets aren't too hard to sell on it. Consolation prizes also add weight to the ticket sales.

SO! Our projects keep us a whole unit and a prospering one even though we often rebel at ticket selling. The stocking project, the Mitten Tea, mittens, bake sale, miscellaneous table, Christmas ideas, candles, flowers from weeds, candy, coral gardens, T. S. covers (and you know what I mean), fish pond, white elephant, jewelry, kitchen, dainties, serving, banquet, Year Book or Bulletins, Entertainment, Refreshments, Sick and Visiting, Ways and Means, Secretarial, Foster Child, and the other offices filled by our girls are all important. Our Alumnae TOGETHERNESS rates a great big "A" for efforts. Special mention to Our President and Treasurer-Membership. Cheers to all, and "Thanks for the Memories."

Let me take a minute to tell you about the "Doll Erra," it was a huge success financially, as is the stocking, but the main work fell on the shoulders of a few and tickets seemed harder to sell. The time and energy that went into making the multitude of lovely little garments for the doll, the little C. G. H. uniform, complete with cape, and the wardrobe accompanying each little lady were made by husbands pressed into service. It was a big job, and taken into consideration as an Alumnae project, did not give the general membership a real part to play. So many thanks to the girls who enjoyed dressing the doll and put over those successful raffles --- and good fortune to the members working as a whole on the "Stocking."



# THE MITTEN TEA

Since the days of Carnivals are past, and since we have projects and yearly commitments to meet, we had to have a new money raising media. After much casting around for ideas, we lit on the "Mitten Tea," which started out as a Fall Tea with a Country Fair Theme and has grown in magnitude as the years go by. At times we branched out from mittens to include other tables which were very productive, both for ingenious ideas and arts of many of our members, and made our membership effort pay off in sociability and new friendships as well as the ever lov'n dollar. In the last few years the tea has grown to such proportions it has gotten to be too much for one convener so has become "Class" projects, and its success is legion as noted by the many ladies waiting at the door at opening time.



#### CHRISTMAS CANDLES

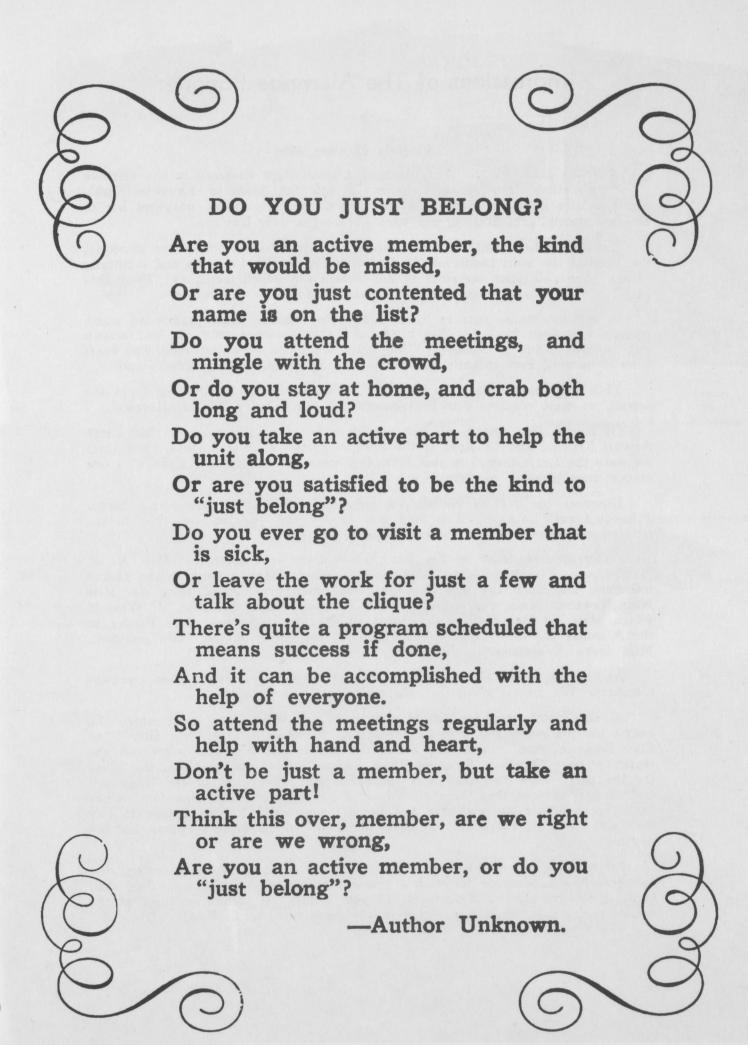
Mrs. T. L. O'Keefe and her busy grandson, Danny, put the finishing touches to a collection of candles she made for pleasure and profit for the Alumnae. Her contribution to the Christmas Table at the tea was very substantial.



#### DONATION OF RESUSCITATORS

The Calgary General Hospital Alumnae Association's donation to the Maternity Department in 1949 of two resuscitators.

Shown is Miss Ruby Steeves, R. N.; Mrs. W. J. Treanor, Ways and Means Convener; Mrs. H. B. R. Kirkpatrick, President; and Doris Melling, Senior Student.



# Impressions of The Alumnae Banquet



#### Virginia Zabriski, 1944

N the gloom of the semi-darkness a small light flickered in the distance and then drew steadily nearer. It was the Spirit of Florence Nightingale, candle in hand. There she was just as we had always imagined her to be—tall, stately, grey-dressed, and upon her head a little lace cap.

She approached until she stood directly before us and then, never speaking, she touched the unlit candle of the first Big Sister with her own and it sprang to life. Then all down the rows of Big Sisters who stood facing us. The lights flared one after another as each candle was lit from the one before.

In the brightness cast by these many tiny flames, each graduating nurse received her light from her Big Sister, probably someone who she had known and admired while in training. This light she must never let fade, but must keep it burning ever brightly for this is the Spirit of Florence Nightingale.

Thus after three years of training, and after recently graduating from the school, we were received into the Alumnae of the Calgary General Hospital.

Of course this wasn't all, but only one event of the evening that Ninth Annual Reunion and Banquet at the Palliser Hotel on May 5, 1944. But since we were the Little Sisters in that ceremony we shall remember it always as one of our most pleasant moments.

However the rest is not to be forgotten either. For who could forget a banquet such as that! The food was savory and plentiful and true to the reputation of nurses in this respect—we outdid ourselves.

Following the toast to the King an address was given by Mrs. R. B. MacPherson, President of the Alumnae. We then drank a toast to the absent members, and greetings were brought from members out of town by Miss Nina Newton. Next was a toast to the Training School by Miss M. Watt to which Miss A. Hebert, Superintendent of Nurses responded. Our thanks to the Alumnae for their kindness and interest was given by our class president, Miss Irene Robertson.

Another thing we all found very interesting was the letters from overseas members. We also enjoyed the solo sung by Hilda Cunniffe.

At this point everyone moved around to the little stage upon which the drama for the evening was to be presented. First we sang a little ditty "The Cute Little Rhyme" which was about this nurse and that and bears out the statement that "Truth is Stranger Than Fiction." This put us all in the mood for the play. Now this play was the brain-child of several of the Graduates and in itself proves that there should be a law against more than two nurses gathering together at one time for literary purposes. It was clever to say the least. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and it was a perfect climax for the evening.

All in all we had a wonderful time and we wish to thank, sincerely, the members of the Alumnae for such a gracious reception into the fold. We shall carry it with us always in our jewelled box of pleasant memories, some of the sweetest of which we have gathered in our three years at C. G. H.



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# HIGHLIGHTS OF MY YEARS WITH THE ALUMNAE

When asked to make a contribution to this Anniversary Volume, my first question was, "For which phase of our Alumnae Life do you wish this summary made?" The only answer, received in a moment of haste was, "Oh you look after entertainment."

Now to me, entertainment takes on many complexions, so to be sure that I was doing justice to the assignment, I consulted Mr. Webster and he gave with this description of the word, at least in part, "The pleasure which the mind receives from anything interesting and which holds or arrests the attention." This, then, gave me something to work with.

Originally I had thought of recording chronologically the meetings, banquets, teas, carnivals, skits, etc., that had been recorded in the "Doom's Day Book" from the beginning of the organization. However, with such a wide field in which to search for material being afforded, the following is the result. We trust it will give that "pleasure" which Webster says is inevitable.

Did you know that up until 1910 there were no glorious graduations with all the pre and post festivities to look forward to? When a girl completed her time, she walked out alone, certificate in hand, with no more ceremony than perhaps the congratulations and good wishes of the Superintendent of Nurses. Then in 1910, Graduation Exercises were held on Third West of the newly constructed Calgary General Hospital, which was quite an innovation. Still there was no awe inspiring church service, no organ music, no flowers, no starch, (just how did the graduates feel about that? I'm sure we couldn't take it.) Then the day did come when all these frivolities were indulged in, at the expense of the City of Calgary, and as a result, graduation day has become the most memorable day in the career of the nurse. And of no little consequence either is that banquet that is given annually by the Alumnae to honor these girls and also to be a reunion date for the "old girls" who wish to socialize. Of interest here would be to state that the first project of the Alumnae, after becoming an association with a Constitution and By-laws, was to prepare for their first Banquet, held May 8th, 1936, in the Alhambra Dining Room of the T. Eaton Company. A note recorded is that for this first banquet, the Committee responsible had been successful in contacting all but sixty of the six hundred fourteen graduates of the School.

And so began this wonderful institution of annual Banquets, the attendance to which has so increased that, from the Alhambra Room with its accommodation for 189, we moved to the Renfrew Club for three years and then in 1940, with a so-far record attendance of two hundred sixty-one, there was no place other than the Crystal Room of the Palliser Hotel to contain us. Here, year after year, on a date set close to Graduation Day, the lobby, the mezzanine and the street outside the hotel echoed, re-echoed and reverberated with the friendly converse that makes us sociable. It has been said on many occasions that the "old boys" who frequented the lobby of the Palliser considered this date to be the high-light of their social season as well, and after grooming themselves to appear at their best, hurried down to the Hotel in order to have the best seat in the midst of the hubbub, and thus be brought up to date with the goings-on, both inside and out, of the General.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF MY YEARS WITH THE ALUMNAE Continued

Then in 1957 the day arrived, as these days do, when the Palliser Room (the name was changed), could no longer cater to the numbers who presented themselves for the dinner (and what is more, the price had been raised to \$3.75). So on the kind invitation of Miss Hall and the Hospital Administration, our site was transferred to the Auditorium of the Nurses' Residence, and the attendance there started out at four hundred nineteen. It was here, that with all the time afforded us and with all the assistance for work groups offered, that the ideas for decorations ran rampant and as a result, one was transported to another realm when she entered the Banquet Room. However, with the capacity there suitable for just five hundred and with the 1960 number reaching five hundred six, the year of 1961 found us seeking accommodation at the Jubilee Auditorium.

Long may these Banquets continue and may their attendance show ever increasing numbers to keep reminding us that we do form the largest and strongest Hospital Alumnae Association in Canada.

Many and varied have been other social activities in the Alumnae, but outranking all others has been the dramatic effort of our group through the years. Our "Dramatic Society," as it was called in earliest times, to be named in turn the Footlights Club, the Play Makers, and most recently the Alumnae Players, has been most prolific in its presentations. Many skits of original hilarity were put on at regular meetings for entertainment, then they were reserved for the times that we hosted the students at Christmas and Valentine parties, but of late, we have had only one major production a year enacted at the Banquet. But no one can say it is not a bang-up presentation, even soliciting the assistance of MEN, that unheard of quantity in this sorority of ours, (and musicians??? too).

For those of you who do remember the early years, was there anything more priceless as the group made up of Gertrude O'Keefe, Mary Watt, Dora Mott, Mary MacLear, Hilda Paterson, Doris McPhee, Lillian Macko and Pauline Morrish. When it was rumored that they were to be on the scene, you just knew that you were in for a good laugh, not the tee-hee kind, but the big ha-ha (or as one husband described it -- you just loosened your stays and let yourself go!!!)

Then we had Rummage Sales -- this was classified as War Effort, with the proceeds going for the Bombed Civilian Nurses' Fund. But our other War Effort (which was really no effort on our part) was regularly staffing the Hostess Hall at the Y. M. C. A. Aside from affording the boys in uniform an evening of pleasure, we had fun ourselves and we were never short of volunteers to play their part. Remembering these friendly activities during a period when giving of our time was about all we could afford to do, we realize completely, now that we have a little more of the material wealth that:

"We may fill our rooms with art and sculpture And build more stately habitations, But we cannot buy with gold Such old associations."

# HIGHLIGHTS OF MY YEARS WITH THE ALUMNAE Continued

In these days of such uncertainty there is one thing we may be absolutely sure about and that is when two or more nurses meet, on the street, in a home or in a banquet room you'll hear the phrase many times over, "do you remember."

Let us reminisce for a short time and see if we can come up with a few incidents that will spark the memory of each age group ----

Do you remember the quaint little caps of the early English Matrons?

Who recalls the anger of Sing (a cook) when someone sneaked up behind him and unwound his queue? (How many of the #\*@"#\* words did you learn to say?)

Who was assisting in the Delivery Room when the little French doctor, who, while attending a lady in labor, said as she moaned a trifle, "hush, hush Madame, do not discourage these young ladies here?"

Remember when enamel ware was replaced by monel metal (the fore-runner of stainless steel) which meant throwing out all those nasty little jugs in maternity?

Who accompanied Miss Murphy the day she so proudly "showed off" Room 1, painted half way up (because we couldn't afford to have the whole room painted) in robin's egg blue?

Do you recall that as far back as 1906 there was the yen to stay out late without a leave? The punishment, when caught was horrible -- discharge, and then to make matters worse, five or six left in sympathy, leaving only one to graduate.

Remember how we used to say, "when we get the new hospital," and by the way, now that we have the new hospital, whatever happened to that "hospital smell" which had been described as a combination of First West ether, iodoform, oakum, Friday's fish and Tuesday's cabbage.

Who could forget the exits that were made via the O. R. laundry chute?

Does anyone recall Dr. Mewburn, in the midst of a delicate nerve operation in Room l, breaking into high falsetto with "You called me Baby Doll a year ago," or Dr. O'Callaghan's plaintive plea of, "Please nurse, will you tie my tie?" And can you not hear Dr. Mackid say, when the perfume of the room was somewhat obnoxious, "quite an air of 'Esprit de corps."

Didn't you feel sorry for poor Dr. Neil Christie and Dr. Saunders in having to put up with all the "first scrubs" in maternity as their assistants "cause they were such swell fellows, patient, kind, quiet, and quite capable of delivering a baby by them selves."

# HIGHLIGHTS OF MY YEARS WITH THE ALUMNAE Continued

I'm sure we could write pages in this vein but time and space do not permit and so call a halt to such, yet for one moment more let me ask you if you remen ber the flights we took in fancy. The Ports of Call were Japan, India, South Africa, England, New York, New Mexico and Labrador, with the tours conducted by E. Foerstel '24, Lucy Cooper '30, Jean Lynds '24, Evelyn Derry '34, Vivian Connell '19, A. Millard '18 and E. G. Graham '15. How we anticipated receiving their letters telling us in detail of their nodes of living, of the country in which they were residing, and of the very interesting work they were doing in the Mission Fields. We still receive most welcome epistles from our graduates in foreign service, namely Ursula Burrows '32, Winnie Gray '42, Kae Metheral '40, Ione Feckley '54, Christina Lund '32, Mrs. William Pietch '46, Miss Florence Pletsch '44, and each one relates how they look forward to their furlough and the opportunity of returning to visit with the Alumnae.

And so continues this social life within our Alumnae and we would wish that it could go on forever but year after year we are saddened by the knowledge that one or more of the familiar personalities will no longer be present at our reunions. For ourselves we feel sorrow, but for them we are heartened that they have advanced to their reward and are waiting to greet each of us as we prepare ourselves for the "Grand Reunion." I like to think that the lines of Edgar Guest were written just for us as he penned, --

"They'll welcome us with wondrous grace And show us all about the place. They'll take us gently by the hand And guide us through the Radiant Land. They'll tell us all they've learned and seen Through the long absence that has been."

Eleanor Tregillus (Robertson '37)

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	Esther Lord	(Mrs. J. G. Sterling '25)
	Anne Donald	(Mrs. P. Frazer '23)
1943	Duo: V. Braun	(Mrs. S. S. Nelson '16)
	Jean Anderson	(Mrs. J. B. Halls '38)
1944	Margaret Shield	(Mrs. G. Duthie '27)
1945	Eleanor Hunter	(Mrs. C. E. Glover '30)
	Helen Johnston	(Mrs. M. E. Connelly '31)
1946	Milly Lisson	(Mrs. A. Lust '42)
	G. Barrett	(Mrs. T. L. O'Keefe '24)
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	Flora McNeill	(Mrs. D. G. McInnes '46)
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1056	Betty Wilkes	(Mrs. R. M. Farrow '52)
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1050	Norma J. Rose	(Mrs. H. J. Moore '46)
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1001	Cecelia Rose	(Mrs. Bert White '40)
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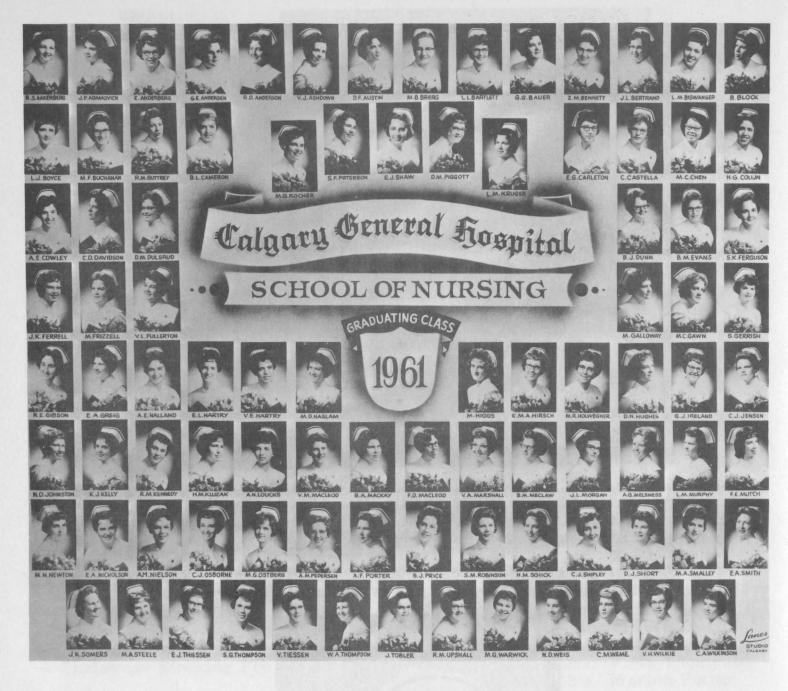


Miss Mary Watt, Class of 1915, looking forward to her well earned retirement from the Well Baby Clinic at City Hall. She has made many good friends over the years and will be missed for her friendly, capable manner by both the little people and the mothers.

Miss Watt has been on the Executive of the Alumnae for many years, acting as Treasurer and Adviser, and is still a very active member.



With the passing of Miss Frances Ann Harvey '30, in December of 1961, the Alumnae lost a keen, active member. She was a Charter Member of the Alumnae and was a member of the Executive of the Alumnae when it was organized in 1936 and still an active member of the Executive when she died in 1961.



# GRADUATION 1961

Ninety-two girls graduated from the Calgary General Hospital School of Nursing with tradition, pomp and pleasure, in the Jubilee Auditorium, where the spacious and beautiful accommodation was packed to near capacity with friends and wellwishers. They were told all the members of the class had passed their examinations. It is the first time in five years the school has had one hundred per cent of its students graduate.

Dr. Howard McEwan, representing the Medical Staff, termed it a splendid showing and that the Registered Nurse degree commands a great deal of respect. Dr. W. J. Collett, Principal of Mount Royal College, guest speaker said, "This world desperately needs the feeling of a sense of dedication. In a materialistic world that thinks only of making money, nurses must supply vision and a service to humanity." The graduates were presented with pins and diplomas with Miss E. E. Jameson, Mrs. W. R. Henry and Miss E. J. Mackie assisting.

Dr. J. Crosby Johnston, on behalf of the Hospitals Board, presented Miss Hella Colijn the \$500 Scholarship and Gold Medal; Mrs. Sally Hamilton, the \$300 Scholarship and Silver Medal; Miss Dianne Davidson, the \$200 Scholarship and Miss Elaine Hartry, the \$100 Scholarship. Miss Janice Bertrand was presented

# GRADUATION 1961 Continued

the \$250 General Proficiency Scholarship, presented by Dr. E. C. Scharf on behalf of the Medical Staff, while Miss Darilyn J. Short received the Jessie A. Connal Memorial Scholarship, presented by Mrs. R. Erickson, President of the Calgary General Hospital Alumnae Association, to be used to further her teaching ability. The Pattison Memorial Medal was presented to Miss Velma L. Fullerton for proficiency in Obstetrical Nursing. The valedictory was presented by Miss Katherine M. Hirsch. The Gertrude M. Hall Memorial Medal and Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Miss Myrna D. Haslam, for professional excellence in nursing and is to be used to further her education. The Gertrude M. Hall Memorial Fund was established following the sudden death of Miss Hall, Director of Nursing at the Calgary General Hospital, following the Graduation Exercises of the 1960 Class.

By a happy coincidence, Miss Myrna Haslam and her sister graduated from different hospitals and both won awards. Myrna won the Gertrude M. Hall Memorial while Donna E. Haslam graduated from the Holy Cross Hospital and won the award for proficiency in Obstetrical Nursing.

# Graduates of the Class of 1961

Miss Ruth Solveig Aakerberg

Miss Julia Pearl Adamovich

Miss Margaret Ellen Anderberg

Miss Grace Eleanor Andersen

Miss Ruby Doreen Anderson

Miss Viola Jean Ashdown

Miss Darlene Fay Austin

Miss Marcella Penner Baerg

Miss Linda Lou Bartlett

Miss Gloria Gladys Bauer

Miss Zella May Bennett

Miss Janice Louise Bertrand

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Miss Barbara Lynne Cameron

Miss Edna Gail Carleton

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Miss Mae Clara Chen

Miss Hella Gertrude Colijn

Miss Anne Elizabeth Cowley

Miss Catherine Dianne Davidson

Miss Darlene Marie Dulsrud

Miss Beatrice Jean Dunn

Miss Beverly Mae Evans

Miss Sheila Kathleen Ferguson

Miss Judith Kay Ferrell

Miss Alice Marilynn Frizzell

Miss Velma Larene Fullerton

Miss Joan Mary Galloway

Miss Maureen Currie Gawn

Mrs. Sally Gerrish Hamilton

Miss Ruth Eleanor Gibson

Miss Elnora Anne Greig

Miss Arlene Elizabeth Halland

# Graduates of the Class of 1961 CONT'D

Miss Ellen Lorraine Hartry Miss Violet Elaine Hartry

Miss Myrna Darlene Haslam

Miss Marilyn Higgs

Miss Katherine Margaret Hirsch

Miss Mona Ruth Holwegner

Miss Dorothy Norma Hughes

Miss Glenda Joyce Ireland

Miss Carole Jean Jensen

Miss Norma Diane Johnston

Miss Kathleen Joan Kelly

Mrs. Ruth Marion Kennedy Peters

Miss Helen Margaret Kluzak

Miss Marion Gail Kocher

Miss Lily Marie Kruger

Miss Roslyn Esther Levy

Miss Alma Noreen Loucks

Miss Violet Allison Marshall

Miss Sylvia Marilin Meclaw

Miss Audrey Gail Melsness

Miss June Lorene Morgan

Miss Lorna Mae Murphy

Miss Fern Elizabeth Mutch

Miss Beatrice Ann MacKay

Miss Faith Dawn MacLeod

Miss Valerie May MacLeod

Miss Marla Noreen Newton Miss Elizabeth Anne Nicholson

Miss Anne Marie Nielsen

Mrs. Carol Jean Osborne Robertson

Miss Marilyn Gail Ostberg

Miss Sharon Faye Paterson

Miss Ann Marie Pedersen

Miss Dorothy Marie Piggott

Miss Audrey Fay Porter

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Miss Guila Jolene Shipley Miss Darilyn Jean Short

Miss Ethel Ada Smith

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Miss Winnifred Ann Thompson

Miss Verna Tiessen

Miss Janette Rose Tobler

Miss Ruth Marie Upshall

Miss Margaret Gail Warwick

Miss Norma Olive Weis

Miss Caroline Marie Weme Miss Virginia Heather Wilkie

Miss Carole Anne Wilkinson

#### 1961 BANQUET

Honoring the ninety-two nurses of the graduating class, the Calgary General Hospital Alumnae entertained for the first time in the Jubilee Auditorium. More than six hundred guests, comprising graduates from years past, joined in the congratulations of the new grads, swapped chit chat and memories, enjoyed a lovely dinner and after dinner speakers. Mrs. L. V. Erickson, Alumnae President paid tribute to the late Gertrude Hall and in her address to the new Graduates expressed the fortune they enjoyed having obtained some of their education directly from one of the most far-sighted and educated personalities in nursing, but with her passing the influence will still be felt for many years to come. Mrs. Erickson went on to outline some of the major projects of the Alumnae. These include the Jessie Connal Scholarship, awarded annually to a nurse for a post graduate course in Nursing Education, the annual In-Service Gift of \$500 to the hospital for use by a nurse for post graduate work at the hospital in any chosen field, and the care of a Foster Child in Greece.

The unveiling of an oil painting of the late Gertrude Hall, to be hung in the Nurses' Residence at the Calgary General Hospital, was unveiled by Miss Eileen Jameson, Associate Director of Nursing Education. The portrait is a gift from the Alumnae to the student body.

Mrs. W. R. Henry, Associate Director of Nursing Services, convened the banquet.

N. B. Since the death of the late Gertrude Hall, former Director of Nursing, Mrs. E. Henry, Miss E. Jameson, Miss M. Sangster and Miss J. Mackie have been carrying on in their roles, maintaining the standards Miss Hall was brought to Calgary to establish, till such time as a new Nursing Director was named.

On February 15th, 1962, Mrs. W. R. Henry was made Director of Nursing Services; Miss Eileen Jameson, Director of Nursing Education; with Miss Muriel Sangster and Miss Jean Mackie their Assistants.

Nursing administration is now divided into two separate categories, the broad field of "Nursing Services," which deals with hospital supervisors, graduate nurses, and all aspects of patient care; and "Nursing Education," which deals with the three hundred odd nursing students receiving their nursing education at the Calgary General Hospital.

Congratulations and every good wish too, we are proud to have them at the Calgary General Hospital helm.

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TRIBUTE TO THE TRIO: Mrs. H. J. Moore (Rose '46)

Mrs. A. S. Andersen (Philp '48)

Mrs. P. S. Vallance (McFarlane '47)

The Alumnae is indeed fortunate to have members who give so generously of their time and talent as do the girls who belong to the trio. This year their daughters took over at the Christmas Party, -- Noreen Moore, Corrie Andersen and Barbara Vallance.

# EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, MAY 26th, 1961

Congratulations are certainly forthcoming to the Alumnae on the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. This anniversary can be looked upon as a milestone in which achievements have been accomplished through the untiring effort and high esteem of its members. The last twenty-five years has reaped a multitude of successful and commendable projects which have helped to contribute to the changing trends of nursing at our Alma Mater, by providing assistance to our nurses and equipment to our hospital.

It is with deep sentiment that the founders of the Alumnae are remembered at this time. A feeling of gratitude, I am sure, would be felt by these women, knowing that their ideals and objectives are gradually being fulfilled. To the founders of this Association we pay tribute on this the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

Because of the willingness and unselfish attitude of its members, the Alumnae has become one of the largest and most active Alumnaes in Canada. We extend our appreciation to these busy women who have given many hours to ensure the success of each project.

My sincere and best wishes for a continual success go not only to you, our future members, but to every member of the Alumnae, for a prosperous and continual growth of this Association.

Mrs. L. V. Erickson (Mudry '55)

This Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Edition has tried to carry you back over the years with notes and highlights. There will be much we have missed, there will be things YOU have never heard of, but we sincerely hope that everything in the book has brought happy memories to "those who were there," and be an eyeopener to those who weren't, and it might be a help to those who will be writing the "Fiftieth."

As you look back over the years in Alumnae work, you will remember that ideas come booming out of an apparently quiet meeting to plunge a hurriedly collected committee into frantic scramble. This effort is no exception and we credit talented heads and hands of willing members, hard pressed typists, printers and photographers for this edition. The pictures in this book are by courtesy of the Hospital Library; Mrs. Riley, Herald; Miss Reid, Albertan, Mr. Cyr, Lane's Studio, and Mr. Jones who helped us set it up.

We hope in these pages you have relived times you and various committees worked like mad to make the Alumnae Projects go over the top, some of our first members are still putting in their oar, many have headed prodigious tasks of Banquet Convener, Tea Convener. Bulletin, Program, Entertainment, Refreshment, and others not so big, but nonetheless part of our togetherness, and last but WOW, Ways and Means.

Kind thoughts and good wishes abound.

#### THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. T. L. O'Keefe	124	Mrs. R. J. Tregillus	137
Mrs. W. R. Henry	'30	Mrs. J. J. Porter	'41
Mrs. A. R. McIntyre	'31	Mrs. D. G. McInnes	'46

# HONOUR ROLL

# HOME SERVICE

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					1898	
				Renwick	1917	
Lt.	N.	S.	H.	Whale	1917	

# OVERSEAS SERVICE, GRADUATES 1914 - 1918

				Batey Braun	1915 1916
				Fisher	1911
Lt.	N.	S.	E.	Griffiths	1908
Lt.	N.	S.	M.	Hall	1917
Lt.	N.	S.	C.	MacKay	1916
Lt.	N.	S.	M.	McFarlane	1913
Lt.	N.	S.	H.	Mutch	1915
Lt.	N.	S.	M.	Payze	1916
Lt.	N.	S.	M.	Prickett	1910
Lt.	N.	S.	E.	Shaw	1916
Lt.	N.	S.	L.	Small	1914
Lt.	N.	S.	E.	Thompson	1915
Lt.	N.	S.	A.	Weart	1913

# OVERSEAS SERVICE, GRADUATES 1939 - 1945

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# HONOR ROLL Continued

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# OVERSEAS SERVICE, GRADUATES 1939 - 1945 Continued

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Lt. N. S. P. Hairsine	1940
Lt. N. S. V. Hughes	1944
F.O. N. S. A. Davies Hansen	1941
Lt. N. S. M. Hutchison	1941
Lt. N. S. J. Little	1933
Lt. N. S. K. Little	1944
Lt. N. S. L. Lynass	1943
Lt. N. S. N. McFarland	1943
F.O. N. S. E. McLeod Fry	1938
Lt. N. S. H. McPherson	1940
Lt. N. S. I. Robertson	1944
F.O. N. S. M. McRae	1935
F.O. N. S. V. J. Polley	1940
F.O. N. S. B. Ofstedal Porter	1941
Lt. N. S. M. Rockley	1944
F.O. N. S. N. Richmond	1941
Lt. N. S. A. Valk	1943
Lt. N. S. M. Wright	1941

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We would like to express our deep appreciation at this time to Mrs. D. Wyman and Mr. F. Jones, without whose help this book could never have been completed. Our Grateful Thanks.

Edith A. Henry

E. Jean McIntyre

# CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNAE PRAYER

Our Father—give us grace today to think not of what we can get but of what we can give with a new vision and a new purpose. Grant to all nurses, wisdom and skill, diligence and patience.

Take away all hatred and prejudice and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord.

Guide our Alumnae Association and inspire each member to work willingly and wholeheartedly so that Thou wilt delight to bless our renewed spirit.

Amen.

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